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REMINISCENCES OF M'KINLEY

AS A PRIVATE AND PUBLIC CITIZEN—CLEAR AND CONVINCING.

A Guest at Wilberforce University—The Honorary Degree—A Member of the Alumni—The Soul of Honor.

[This article was written expressly for our Christmas Number, but reached us too late for publication in that issue.]

The people of Southwestern Ohio were beginning to know that there was a man within the borders of the state upon whom the attention of all classes was rapidly concentrating. They had looked on with pride when in National Convention, amid the stubborn contest of popular aspirants for the presidential nomination a name was proposed that might have swept the convention in a cyclone of victory had the attempt not been met by a positive declaration of the growing statesman that he could not be regarded as a friend who would, by such an act, put the slightest doubt upon his loyalty to the recognized nominee of the Ohio delegation, and the nation saw and heard with deepest admiration. I shared it in common with everybody, and thus is accounted for, in part, the interest with which I watched from the visitor's Gallery of the House of Congress the face and form and movements of Wm. McKinley. It was my first view. He was then chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and champion of protection. The nature of the man seemed reserved. I read but little, but from that little I placed him in the class of American aristocracy, dignified, reticent, consequential.

Major McKinley is Governor of Ohio. Wilberforce University has interests in the state, and I must approach him as her representative. I had been to the Capitol before; had met Governors Hadley, Foraker and Campbell, but the spell of the Washington analysis was upon me, and there was trepidation, and to my preconception, McKinley was cold, aristocratic, exacting. I entered the governor's room quietly and took a seat by the door. Two gentlemen were engaging him in conversation at his table. He noted my entrance, rose, and approached my corner with extended hand. I met him half-way and passed at once from conjecture into reality. Never had I grasped hand more cordial; never had countenance beamed upon mine a welcome more sincere, more assuring; never did kindly words dispel embarrassment more quickly. I saw the source of his power. It was not genius, it was not statesmanship; it was soul—the very element whose presence I had doubted most, and I went from that interview a McKinley advocate always.

I saw the Governor later in a heated campaign. Always serious before the people, always clear and convincing, he presented a style of oratory at once characteristic and commanding. One utterance is fixed in memory. Said the Governor in a speech at Xenia: "The saddest sight that the sun looks down upon in all his course is that of a man who has skill and desire to work going about begging for employment." I watched on the streets of Chicago the grand procession that was the feature of the opening ceremonies of the World's Fair. Governor after governor, under the escort of his state delegation, heard with proper emotion the cheers of the witnessing multitudes. It was when McKinley passed that the cheers met in a storm of applause that compelled the great American to remain in the attitude of acknowledgment from avenue to avenue along the line of march. It was a fitting tribute of the people to the soul of a great man, instinct with high purpose for the interests of humanity. And in that noble nature all classes have a care. There was no hesitation with Governor McKinley to come to Wilberforce in June of '93 and contribute, by presence and voice, to the success of her annual commencement. It was an ideal day. Four thousand people had gathered, drawn by the fame of McKinley and Douglass—chiefs of the two leading races on the American Continent. There was inspiration even to the great. The graduating class rose to the demands of such an occasion and the people felt the presence of nobility.

Wilberforce University ventured to lay her honors at the feet of her distinguished guests and the doctorate of laws by unanimous vote of faculty and trustees, was conferred upon the Governor and Mr. Douglass. The occasion was without precedent in the world's history. The bestowal of these honors was graciously received, Mrs. Scarborough, Miss Jones, Prof. Clark, Judge O'Neil and others sharing in the honor. Personally, no higher privilege had ever fallen to my lot. I had rather been President of Wilberforce University on that day than President of the United States. A few weeks later I presented the parchment of the University in a handsome morocco case to the Governor in his office. Said he: "I shall hang this diploma upon the wall of my library and shall always regard it with the highest appreciation."

In accepting the degree by the rules of the Alumni Association, Governor McKinley became an honorary member of that body. Would you repress the exultation that throbs in the heart of every friend of this pioneer institution, and there is a million of them, at the thought that Wilberforce has representation in the White House at Washington?

With a delegation of colored ministers that called on Governor McKinley just before the election we listened to his earnest exhortation that education, religion, character must be relied upon as the only hope of success in the contests of life. The great statesman minced no words in conveying to that body, headed by Bishops Arnett and Lee and Senator Green his abiding interest in their future welfare, and he pointed to Wilberforce University as a monument of struggle, of sacrifice and of success of which the state and the nation might be proud.

McKinley is the soul of honor. It was not idle words that prompted the advice to his illustrious manager, "I trust my honor in your hands; I would rather you would return it to me unsullied than to be president." A few years ago I followed with increasing admiration his course when overtaken by financial disaster. I need not tell the world that his generosity and confidence opened the way to failure. I need not tell the world that to preserve honor unstained, home and property, his own and his wife's, against the remonstrance of friends and the concession of enemies were offered, without reserve, to satisfy a debt not his own. This was no scheme for sentiment. I saw the Governer on his return from Canton and the pallor of his face told of the crash and of its consequences. Wm. McKinley was penniless. The frost was upon his hair and he was at the bottom of the ladder. To me it was an object lesson of priceless worth—unprecedented in the history of the state, and every young man and every young woman was the richer for such an illustrious example of exalted honor. It was the very apex of sublimity in human character. S. T. MITCHELL,

President of Wilberforce University.

EX-GOV. P. B. S. PINCHBACK,
Washington, D. C. See article on this page.

A Pretty Wedding.

Palestine, Tex., Special.

Rev. Ballard of Chappelle Hill will take charge of Mount Vernon A. M. E. church. Rev. Grimes will take the Chappelle Hill church. Miss Amy Hester has gone to Brenham where she will make her future home. Cards are out announcing the marriage of Dr. F. F. McClellan and Miss Mamie Johnston of Galveston. The doctor has the distinction of being one of our leading physician and has a lucrative practice. Miss Johnston is one of Galveston's most vivacious and intelligent young ladies. A pretty wedding was that of Miss Lillie Kimbrough of this city, and W. Haskell of Taylor at the residence of A. S. Davis. There were present relatives and immediate friends of the family. The bride was attired in an elegant green cloth traveling suit; the groom in the conventional black. The happy couple left at 9:15 for Taylor, their future home. Miss Julia Dudley will spend the holidays at Longview. Prof. E. A. Swanson will go to Crockett. Rev. Williams has gone to conference after a year's work at the M. E. church. Prof. J. N. Dodson will go to Prairie View the 29th to attend the principal meeting. The schools are having a two week's vacation. Mrs. Williams of Shreveport is a guest of Mrs. A. Bell.

Will Celebrate Emancipation Day.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

The Elliott Avenue M. E. church has the largest and most progressive literary society in the city. It was organized four years ago by Mr. J. M. Arbuckle who has been elected for the fourth time its president. Mr. Arbuckle is a live young man and fully abreast of the times. He has been for a number of years the shipping clerk in a leading business firm here. The best brain of the city flock to this society. It was before this society that Hon. Geo. L. Knox of The Freeman spoke while attending the National Republican Convention. This society will celebrate emancipation day Jan. 1, 1897. Prof. Inman E. Page, president of Lincoln Institute, has been chosen for the orator of the evening. Extensive preparations are being made and the occasion bids fair to eclipse anything of the kind ever given in the city. At the regular quarterly conference held at St. Paul Chapel on the 15th. Rev. S. P. Anderson formerly yastor of Central Baptist church, was received in full membership and appointed as pastor of St. John's church, North St. Louis.

Seriously Injured.

Mineola, Tex., Special.

The compress is doing good business this year. Charlie Butler who lives two miles south of the city struck Henry Anderson the 5th with an ax handle. The old man's skull was fractured and a rib broken. Butler was lodged in jail. Albert Lloyd has been releaeed from jail, found not guilty. Rev. Moore of the M. E. church will leave for Paris soon. Mrs. Lucinda Taylor left for Tongaloo on the 9th. Classie Garrett, wife of Henry Garrett, died on the 10th. She was born in Newton Co., Ga., about eighty years ago. C. J. Jackson is teaching in the public school. Mrs. Caroline Carter is very ill. Jim King is working at the Pratt House. When you want to find your relatives always advertise in The Freeman. J. M. Jones left this week for Big Sandy. Everbody is invited to the Christmas tree. If anyone wants the paper, apply to Sandy Anderson.

Newsy Notes.

Niles, Mich., Special.

Mrs. Delilah Purcell was arrested, charged with stealing clothes from Mrs. Cal Wilson and others. David Bannister of Chicago, who was called here by the illness of his mother, Mrs. Lilly Bannister, has returned. Levi Mason of Benton Harbor visited friends here last week. The orchestra gave a dance at Casino Hall Christmas Eve. Caterer J. H. Harrod was at Benton Harbor and St. Joe last week. John Howard, the metropolitan chimney sweep of Benton Harbor was here with his familiar songs. Rev. H. Leroy Haywood of the A. M. E. church is trying to pay for and repair the church. The debt now standing is $143.35; amount necessary for repairs, $250; total to raise, $393.35. It is hoped that he will meet with success. A candy pulling was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Finley on the 11th. An enjoyable time was had.

Two Hearts That Beat as One.

Crawfordsville, Ark., Special.

Henry Williams, one of our enterprising young men, and Miss Ora L. Yancy one of our Sunday school workers, were married last Sunday evening at the St. John Baptist church, Rev. J. W. Wymbs officiating. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's aunt. Miss Ada White is visiting friends and relatives in Memphis. Rev. Warren of Vandale assisted Rev. Wymbs last Sunday. H. S. Briggance is on the sick list. Subscribe for The Freeman and learn what it is doing. Show your love for your race by helping this worthy enterprises.

Church News—Notes.

Richmond, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Rev. Simmons is visiting in Chicago. The boy preacher preached an excellent sermon at the First Baptist church last Sunday. Quarterly meeting was held at the A. M. E. church last Sunday, $31.24 was raised. Mrs. Mary Williams has returned home from Muncie. Rev Evarts who has been holding a series of meetings at the First Baptist church has returned home. Mrs Archie is seriously ill. The Wesleyan minister, Rev. Gaines delivered an excellent sermon at the A. M. E. church last Sunday afternoon. The revival meeting at the First Baptist church will continue another week. Rev. C. C. Townsend, the presiding elder of the A. M. E. church, delivered an excellent sermon Sunday night. Mr. Frank Bass is home from Chicago. Miss Martha Parks is here from Eaton.

THE DEMANDS OF THE HOUR

WHAT THE NEGRO SHOULD HOPE FOR AS A RESULT OF THE

Incoming Administration—Office Seekers an After Consideration—Misdeeds in the South—Reflections on the Future.

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Please accept my best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year for yourself and The Freeman's army of readers, and my congratulations on the steady improvement you are making in the character, morally, intellectually and beneficially, of the contents of your admirable journal. It is in many respects a very meritorious publication and not the least among its merits is the promptness of its arrival on the days when it is due. I have noticed with interest mingled with amusement that the columns of The Freeman, like those of many of the other newspapers published by colored men, have taken the woggish jog of the Washington Post relative of the part played by the colored voters in nominating and electing the President elect and their claims on him for official preferment, in a serious mood and have commented on it extensively and generally approvingly, in so far at least as to the work performed by, and the reward due, to the race are concerned. There are some differences of opinion among the brethren in regard to the character of the reward and the individuals who should be designated by the incoming administration to receive it as representatives of the race, but not a single paper that has come to my notice has failed to herald the preposterous statement made in behalf of the Negro by the Post, as the Gospel truth.

If I were not so familiar with the disposition of the average Negro to take his cue from the white man in everything which pertains to his own people. I would be surprised at the readiness with which they received and adopted this absurb contention. I am not opposed to Messrs. Washington, Bruce, Greener, and Langston and others aspiring to cabinet positions. It is not only their privilege but their right as American citizens, as it is the right of every other citizen of the Republic. Let their friends and admirers work for and obtain for them the great distinction if they can, and I and every other member of the race, except some selfish, narrow minded aspirant for some small place who imagines his chances of success might in some way be lessoned thereby, will rejoice and be exceeding glad. But this is not the phase of the Post's contention to which I desire to direct attention. In examining the figures of the late election I find that according to the latest returns which I have seen 471 Republican electors were elected, and it cannot be claimed with any sort of regard for truth that more than thirty of these owe their election to colored voters. The thirty referred to are as follows: Deleware three, Kentucky thirteen, Maryland eight, and West Virginia six, total thirty. Throw all these out and McKinley still has 241, or seventeen more than enough to elect.

In the so-called pivotal or doubtful states, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, New York and New Jersey, the Republican majorities were so overwhelming as to render the claim of the Negro being a balance of power in these states absolutely ridiculous. In truth if every Negro voter in the country had abstained from voting Major McKinley would still have been elected and our white brethren who have a foundness for statistics and a disposition to investigate are quite as well aware of the fact as any intelligent colored man must be who has investigated the matter. In the light of these facts me thinks I hear the brethren ask almost as one man: "Well has the Negro no claims on the party?" I answer yes. Both candidates, party and country are under many obligations to them for their devotion to principle and the unprecedented unanimity with which the race rallied to the support of sound money and the defense of the integrity and honor of the Nation. Their splendid fealty to and almost unanimous support of the victorious party entitles them to just recognition at its hands and demonstrates anew their worth as voters and patriotism as citizens, and I have no fears or doubts about the treatment the race will receive from the incoming administration so far as the loaves and fishes are concerned. They will get as much and possibly more from it than any administration ever gave them, not because of the ridiculous claim set up for them by the Post and the over zealous colored men who have endorsed and repeated it, but because they have earned it by their unswerving loyalty and devotion to the party in the last, as in every other national contest. If they come short of my expectation in this repect it will be the result of their own folly in adopting a dog in the manger policy, and in making unreasonable demands which the fitness of things ought to suggest to them cannot be realized.

While I hope to see the race well represented in official station and believe they will be if judicious and dignified efforts are made in the proper direction, I do not believe that the race should make office getting their chief concern in the McKinley administration. In my judgment the welfare of our people, their protection in the enjoyment of their rights as freemen and citizens in every state in the Union, is the paramount question and receive the first claim

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THE BEAUTIFUL STAR.

The wise men came out of the east,
Following the beautiful star,
And the camels they rode
Were weighed down with their load
Of spices and gold from afar.

They came to Jerusalem's gate,
And a message to Herod dispatched
Saying, "Tell us the news
Of the King of the Jews,
Whose wonderful birth star we've watched."

King Herod sprang up in alarm,
And the seventy summoned at morn,
And demanded of them.
"O King, Bethlehem,"
They replied, "is where Christ shall be born."

So the wise men to Bethlehem came,
Still following the beautiful star,
And they laid at the feet
Of the Christ Child so sweet
Their spices and gold from afar.

Then they rev'rently worshiped him there,
Though a rude manger cradled the boy,
And gave thanks to the Lord
For fulfilling his word,
And returned to their country with joy.

And the low bending heavens rang out,
While the thrilling, seraphic refrain
Filled the earth like a flood—
"Glory be unto God,
And on earth peace, good will unto men!"
—Chicago Inter Ocean.

PRINCESS LILITH.

Now, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa, in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews. For we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa.

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Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, Go and search diligently for the young child, and, when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

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Being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

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Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth.—Matthew ii, 1-16.

The Princess Lilith, daughter of King Herod, mused as she reclined upon a bed of purple, and the negress Noun waved a fan of feathers over her forehead, and the cat Astaroth slept at her feet.

Princess Lilith was 15 years of age. Her eyes were as deep as the water of a cistern, and her mouth was like a cyclamen flower.

She mused of her mother, Queen Miriam, who died when Lilith was still little more than a baby. She did not know that her father had killed her in a fit of jealousy, but she knew that he kept her body in the depths of a secret chamber, embalmed in honey and spices, and that he still wept for her.

She mused upon her father, King Herod, taciturn and always ill. Sometimes he shut himself up in his chamber, and there one could hear him scream aloud. It was because he thought he saw those whom he had caused to die—his stepbrother, Kostobar; his wife, Miriam; his sons, Aristobulus and Alexander, Lilith's brothers; his stepmother, Alexandra; her son, Antipater; the doctor of law, Bababen-Bouta, and many others. Although Lilith knew nothing of all this, her father always inspired her with great terror.

She mused upon the Messiah looked for by the Jews and of whom she had heard so much from her nurse, Egla, now dead. And, although the Messiah would be king in Herod's place, she said to herself that she would very much like to see him.

Lastly she mused upon little Hozael, the son of her foster sister, Zebonda, who lived in Bethlehem. Hozael was a year old. He laughed merrily and was beginning to talk. Lilith loved him tenderly, and almost every day she ordered her mules to be harnessed into her cedar chariot and went with the negress Noun to visit the little Hozael.

Lilith mused upon all these things, and then it seemed to her that she was very much alone in the world and that without little Hozael she would be very sad.

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Presently Lilith went into the garden to walk under the great sycamores. There she met old Zabulon, who had been formerly captain of the king's guard. Herod had replaced his Jewish guard by Roman soldiers, but having confidence in old Zabulon he had given him the care of that part of the palace inhabited by Lilith.

Old Zabulon, who had been feeble for many years, sat sunning himself upon a stone bench. His back was so bent with age that his long beard reached to his knees.

Lilith said to him, "Thou art sad, old Zabulon."

"Yes, Princess Lilith, because I have learned from a centurion that the king has given orders to kill tomorrow morning at dawn all the children in Bethlehem under two years of age."

"Why?"

"The wise men have announced that the Messiah is born. But it is not known how to recognize him, and the wise men have not returned to tell where they have found him. By killing all the babies in Bethlehem, the king is sure that the Messiah cannot escape him."

"That is true," said Lilith. "That is a clever device." Then after a moment's reflection, "Could I see him?"

"Who?"

"The Messiah."

"In order to see him, one must know where he is. And if we knew where to find him, the king would not be obliged to kill all the other little children of the town."

"That is true," said Lilith. Then she added in a low voice, as if she were afraid of her own words, "My father is very wicked." Then suddenly, "But little Hozael?"

"Little Hozael," said Zabulon, "will die with the others, for the soldiers will search every house."

"But I am very sure that little Hozael is not the Messiah. How could he be the Messiah? He is the son of my foster sister."

"Ask your father to spare him," said Zabulon.

"I dare not," said Lilith. Then she resumed: "I shall go myself with Noun and get little Hozael and hide him in my room. Then he will be very safe, for the king almost never comes there."

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Lilith ordered the mules to be harnessed into her cedar chariot, sped to Bethlehem with Noun, entered the home of her foster sister Zebonda and said: "It is a long time since I have seen Hozael. I should like to carry him to my palace and keep him for a day and a night. The baby is weaned and has no longer need of thy care. I will give him a dress of hyacinth and a collar of pearls." She said nothing to Zebonda of what she had learned from Zabulon, so afraid was she of the king.

But she noticed that Zebonda's face shone with unwonted joy.

"Why art thou so joyous?"

Zebonda hesitated a moment, then replied, "I am joyous, Princess Lilith, because you love my son."

"And thy husband—where is he?"

Again Zebonda hesitated and answered, "He has gone to gather his flocks upon the mountain side."

Noun hid the little Hozael under her long veils, and Lilith and the good negress returned to the palace just as the sun was setting.

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When Lilith reached her chamber, she took Hozael upon her lap, and the baby laughed and tried to pull the little princess' long ear pendants. But suddenly Noun, who was preparing some corn gruel for the child in the next room, rushed in crying: "The king! Here comes the king!"

Lilith had only time to hide Hozael in a large basket and cover him with a pile of silks and bright wools before King Herod entered with a slow, heavy tread, the chains and plates of gold, with which he was covered, shaking with each movement. His back was bent, and his bloodshot eyes glared in his terrible face. His chin shook so with the palsy that his bristly beard seemed to shudder. He said to Lilith, "Whence comest thou?"

She replied, "From Jericho." And she raised toward the king her eyes, as calm as the water of a cistern.

"Oh, how she resembles her!" murmured Herod.

At this moment a little cry came from the basket.

"Will you keep quiet?" said Lilith to the cat Astaroth, who slept on the rug. Then she said to the king: "My father, you seem troubled. Would you like me to sing to you?"

And taking her zither, she sang him a song about roses.

And the king murmured, "Oh, that voice!"

Then he fled, as if struck with fear, because Lilith's voice and eyes recalled to him the voice and eyes of Queen Miriam.

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Lilith went into the garden and found old Zabulon weeping.

"Why dost thou weep, old Zabulon?"

"You know the cause, Princess Lilith. I weep because the king wishes to kill the little child who is the Messiah."

"But," said Lilith, "if he is really the Messiah, men cannot have the power to kill him."

"God wishes us to help him," replied Zabulon. "Princess, you, who are so good and so compassionate, should warn the father and mother of this little child."

"But where shall I find them?"

"Question the people of Bethlehem."

"But ought I to save one who will chase my father from this palace, one by whom I may some day become a poor prisoner or a beggar in the streets?"

"That day is far removed," said Zabulon, "and the Messiah is now only a tiny babe, more helpless even than little Hozael."

"But are you sure that he is the Messiah?" demanded Lilith.

"Yes," said Zabulon, "because he was born in Bethlehem at the time appointed by the prophets and the wise men have seen his star."

"He must be very beautiful, although he is so small. Don't you think so, Zabulon?"

"It is written that he shall be the most beautiful among the children of men."

"I shall go to see him," said Lilith.

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When night came, Lilith enveloped herself in long black veils, and the bracelets and circles of gold upon her arms and ankles, the collars about her neck and the precious stones with which she was covered shone through her veils as softly as the stars in the sky. And thus Lilith resembled the night, whose name she bore, for in Hebrew "Lilith" signifies "the night."

She left the palace secretly with the negress Noun, and as she walked she mused: "I should not want the Messiah to take the crown from my father because it would be very hard for me not to live in a beautiful palace any more and not to have any more soft rugs and pretty dresses and perfumes and jewels. But still I do not want them to kill this little newborn child. So I shall tell my father that I have discovered its hiding place, and as a recompense for this service I shall entreat him to spare the child and keep him in his palace. Thus he cannot harm us, and if he is really the Messiah he will let us share his power."

Lilith found Zebonda and her husband, Methouel, in prayer. Both seemed filled with great joy. Lilith bethought her of a ruse.

"Hozael is very well," said she, "and I shall bring him back to you tomorrow. But since you know where to find the Messiah lead me to him. I am come to adore him."

Methouel was a simple man, little disposed to think ill of others, so he replied, "I will show you the way, Princess Lilith."

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When they reached the spot where the infant lay, Lilith was greatly astonished, for she had expected to see something extraordinary and magnificent without knowing exactly what, and she only saw a hut built against a rock and in this hut an ass, an ox, a man who appeared to be a workman, a woman of the people, beautiful, yes, but pale and delicate and poorly clad. And in the manger, lying upon the straw, was a little child, whom at first glance she thought like any other child. But when she drew nearer she saw its eyes, and in those eyes a look not that of a babe, an infinite sweetness more than human, and she became aware that the stable was only lighted by the light which emanated from him.

She said to the young mother, "What is your name?"

"Miryem."

"And your little boy?"

"Jesus."

"He seems to be very good."

"He moans sometimes, but he never cries."

"Will you let me kiss him?"

"Yes, madam," said Miryem.

Lilith stooped and kissed the child upon the forehead, and Miryem was a little vexed that she did not kneel.

"So," said Lilith, "this little child is the Messiah?"

"You have said it, madam."

"And he will be King of the Jews?"

"It is for that that God has sent him."

"But then he will make war and kill many men, and he will dethrone King Herod or his successor?"

"No," said Miryem, "for his kingdom is not of this world. He will have neither guards nor soldiers. He will have neither palaces nor treasures. He will not inflict taxes upon the people, and he will live like the poorest fisherman on the lake of Genesareth. He will be the servant of the poor and humble. He will heal the sick and comfort the afflicted. He will teach truth and justice. It is over hearts, not bodies, that he will reign. He will suffer to teach us the price of suffering. He will be the King of Love, for he will love all men. And he will teach those who are tormented with a longing which this world cannot satisfy where their poor hearts can find peace and joy. And no doubt he will have a throne."

"Ah, now you see!" said Lilith, still resisting.

"But," resumed Miryem, "the throne will be a cross. He will die upon a cross to expiate the sins of men so that God, his Father, may have pity upon them."

Lilith listened in astonishment. Slowly she turned her head toward the manger. The babe was gazing at her, and, vanquished by the caress of those deep eyes, she murmured, "No one ever told me those things before," and falling upon her knees she adored him.

"I know," said Lilith as she rose, "that King Herod will search for the child to kill him. Take the ass and fly. I will pay its master."

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Following the narrow paths which wound in and out among the round hills the little company soon reached the plain. "Here," said the princess, "I must leave you. I am the Princess Lilith, daughter of King Herod. Remember me."

And as they disappeared in the darkness of the night, Joseph leading the ass upon which sat Miryem holding the infant Jesus in her arms, Lilith followed with her eyes the aureole encircling his divine brow. As the pale, mysterious light disappeared behind a forest of sycamores Lilith heard the tramp of horses' hoofs and the clanking of swords upon the opposite road. It was the squadron of Roman soldiers marching toward Bethlehem.

Every one knows that the Princess Lilith was one of the holy women who followed Jesus on the day of his sacrifice and that little Hozael was one of the first disciples of Christ, the Saviour. —Translated From the French by V. M. in Romance.

Boiled Bull For the Poor.

In May, 1661, George Staverton left a sum of money to purchase a bull, which bull he gave to the poor of Wokingham town and parish. The animal was to be boiled, the hide and the offal to be sold, and the proceeds expended in the purchase of shoes and stockings, to be bestowed upon poor children. Up to the year 1823 a bull was regularly boiled on the 21st of December in the market place of Wokingham. But in that year the corporation of the town determined upon discontinuing such a proceeding, which has since accordingly been omitted. At Christmas, 1835, a mob broke open during the night the place where one of the animals was kept and boiled it, in spite of the magistrate's endeavors to prevent them, and similar attempts have since been made on other occasions.—Boston Herald.

Vipers Lose Their Venom on Christmas.

In Calabria, south Italy, it is believed that vipers will not bite on Christmas day, or that if they do their bite is harmless, the poison being neutralized by the sanctity of the day.

Christmas Sleighing Song.

There's a loving lure in the pine cone's ember
When the white frost etches the window pane;
There's a lingering chasm that all remember
In the tender voice and the lifted strain;
But, despite the joys of the dear December—
The carol's glamour, the Yule log's plow—
I'd rather be where the night winds rally
And blow their bugles, a-ho, heigh-ho,
Down the valley a-sleighing with Sally
Over the crispy snow!

Forsooth it's jolly under the holly
When the feet of the dancers trip in time,
And there's never a touch of melancholy
When the fiddle follows the cello's rhyme,
But for all the fun and for all the folly,
And for all the hanging the mistletoe,
I'd rather be where the night winds rally
And blow their bugles, a-ho, heigh-ho,
Down the valley a-sleighing with Sally
Over the crispy snow!
—Clinton Scollard.

ALPINE HERDSWOMEN.

They Wore Trousers Before Bloomers Were Heard Of.

Long before the days of bloomers women on the higher level of the Alps wore trousers, and no one thought anything about it. The Alpine women wear the bifurcated garment for utility and not for beauty, as one may judge if he or she has seen one of these girls. Comeliness and the Alpine herdswomen are far apart, but the style of the garments they wear and the hard life that is theirs are at the root of the trouble.

These women have little of the grace and agility seen in the maidens of Norway. They will leap across chasms with nonchalance, but there is nothing wild and free about their movements. While she is talking to you the Alpine herdswoman is quite apt to thrust out an ungainly leg, plant a heavy boot on the neck of a goat and stand thus while she converses.

With the exception of the blacks who endure a life of hunger in the interior of Africa there is hardly any one in the world who fares so badly as the herds men and women of Switzerland. They cannot affort to eat the berries they find on the mountain side, and they cannot afford to drink the milk supplied by their flocks. Their fare is meat that has been dried, salted and turned into unsavory leather, rye bread that is like blackened cinders and cabbage stalks in pickle, that contain about as much nutriment as a walking stick. Hungry as the herdswoman may be on her return home, she must eat but sparingly of these dainties, for fear they should come to an end before another trip to the valley can be made.

These women breakfast at 2 in the morning and then answer the response of the cattle lowing at the door of the chalet, begging to be attended to and driven up to some favorite Alp. They eat again some 12 or 14 hours later, when the weary tramp back to the chalet is about to begin. Between times, with sickles, they reap the long, coarse Alpine grasses, which are to serve as food for the cattle during the winter.

This grass is bound into bundles as large as the women themselves and carried on their backs down to the homesteads. The winter firewood is brought the same way. The chalet, the home of one of these women, is the most picturesque of any peasant's dwelling place, but inside it is not desirable. It is usually perched on the crags of the Oberland and is dark, for the windows are constructed not so much to admit light as to keep out the heavy snows of the winter. In one corner is a low, broad platform with sacks of hay and a couple of blankets upon it. The less luxurious dispense with the blankets and the herdswoman usually goes to rest in the same attire she wore during the day. In the autumn, when the cattle are driven down for the last time, a dance is given by the herdsmen and the women, and on these occasions the girls exchange their trousers for the usual skirt.—Kansas City Times.

A Marvelous Feat of Memory.

Maretus tells us that during his travels over Europe he met the "marvel of marvels" at Padua. The marvel in question was a young Corsican, who was in the city for the purpose of pursuing his studies at the university. Maretus, having heard that the young man was gifted with an extraordinary memory, desired to put the student to the test.

The person who had informed the traveler concerning the wonderful retentiveness of the young Corsican's memory declared that he was so gifted in that faculty that he could repeat as many as 36,000 words if read over to him but once. Maretus and three distinguished Venetians agreed to test the accuracy of the statement. A committee visited the student of extraordinary memory and found him willing to submit to the ordeal. Accordingly there was read over to him an almost interminable list of words strung together without any consecutive order and without any meaning whatever.

The young man stood all the time with his attention deeply fixed and his eyes half closed. When the long string of words had been read off, he looked up cheerfully and repeated the whole of the uninteresting catalogue of words without a single fault. Then, to show how carefully his wonderful memory had retained every word, he went through the list backward. When that task was finished, he took each alternate word—first, third, fifth, etc.—and repeated them until the company was thoroughly convinced that they were in the presence of the most wonderful prodigy of memory that the world had ever produced.—St. Louis Republic.

Delicious Snails of Provence.

The Provencal snails, which feed in a gourmet fashion upon vine leaves, are peculiarly delicious, and there was a murmur of delight from our company as the four women brought to the table four big dishes full of them, and for a while there was only the sound of eager munching, mixed with the clatter on china of the empty shells. To extract them we had the strong thorns, three or four inches long, of the wild acacia, and on these the little brown morsels were carried to the avid mouths and eaten with a bit of bread sopped in the sauce, and then the shell was subjected to a vigorous sucking, that not a drop of sauce lingering within it should be lost. —Thomas A. Janvier in Century.

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"None, your highness."

"Then have some more Armenians killed at once. I will not be neglected in this shameful manner."—London Fun.

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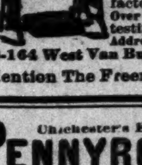

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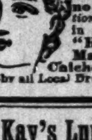

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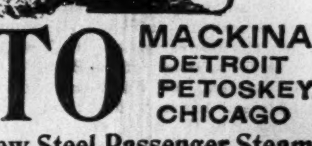

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Kokomo, Mo., Special.

Will Roberts, of Indianapolis, is visiting relatives here. Several members and friends of the Second Baptist church during last week gathered at the home of Rev. and Mrs. T. D. Zimmerman and gave them a very pleasant surprise. All spent an enjoyable time, and left with a cordial invitation to "come again." Miss Nora Roberts spent Saturday in the city. Miss Ida Powell is on the sick list. Thornton Hines was called to the bedside of his sick mother at Greensburg, Ind. The funeral of the late Mrs. Anna Fielding Coleman was preached at the A. M. E. church last Tuesday afternoon. Quite a number of young folks were entertained in [illegible] yal manner at the home of Royal Dempsey last Thursday. Rev. Ratliff and family dined with J. A. Braboy last Sunday. Full particulars of the grand Japanese entertainment will be given in the next issue. The A. M. E. church is now called Wayman's Chapel. The Wayman's chapel Ladies' M. M. Society will render another excellent program during this month. This society is the first in the state to adorn the Auxiliary Missionary badge. Mitchell's T. C. L. C., held one of its best session on Tuesday evening last. A large crowd was present. The subject, "Resolved, That the Negro should colonize," was contested by Rev. L. W. Ratliff, Cordelia Perkins, Samuel Ratliff, Joseph Gaskin, vs. Nellie Woods, Daniel Milton, Wm. Ballenger and Ira Roberts. However, the affirmative captured the honors. The judges were J. A. Braboy, Eugene Gaskin, Walter Langford, Wm. Stubbe and Effie J. Bassett.

St. Luke's Chapel News.

Columbus, Ind., Special.

Dr. Crumwell, of the M. E. church, preached a grand sermon last Sunday morning. His theme was, "Our Duty to God." Our Sabbath school is still closed on account of diptheria. Mr. Trotman led prayer meeting last Thursday night. Rev. Brewer, our pastor, held an official meeting last Monday night. Mrs. Duncan, one of our active church workers, will spend Christmas with friends in Lebanon. Miss Minnie Miller is on the sick list. Christian Endeavor meets on Monday night at 6:30. Six o'clock prayer meeting on Christmas day; preaching at 10:30, a. m., and supper and Christmas tree at night.

Preachers' Union Association.

Augusta, Ask., Special.

Mrs. Ruthy Wiley, of Memphis, is visiting her nephew, Solomon Boone. Mrs. Rettie Anthony, who has been visiting relatives at Snapps, returned the 14th inst. Prof. Hicks has returned from Little Rock. Rev. S. W. Berry, P. E., made his quarterly visit at Ward's Chapel at Augusta, and also preached an able sermon Dec. 13th. Mrs. Nellie Smith recently moved to Newport, Ark. Rev. W. A. Mundy, M. D. of Little Rock, Ark., formerly editor of the African Methodist, of Morrilton, Ark., arrived on the 28th ult., to take charge of Ward's Chapel A. M. E. church. Preachers' Union Association, recently organized, meets every Tuesday night at St. Luke's church at 7:30 p. m., Rev. H. H. Knox presiding.

A Noble Woman Gone to Rest.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

Mrs. Jane Hayes, the wife of John Hayes, died here Saturday, the 12th. The funeral took place Sunday morning at the Baptist church, Rev. J. W. Jackson, officiating. The occasion was a sad one. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn her demise. The choir sang "Gathering Home." Lee Wilson, of White Oak Springs, spent the Sabbath in the city. Mrs. Dilcie Randall died here Friday, the 11th. Rev. J. W. Jackson and wife are happy over the arrival of a fine boy at their house. Stratton Froster, of Montgomery, Ala., is in the city in the interest of the K. of P. lodge. Thomas W. Anderson, the popular portor at Eufaula Grocery company, is a great admirer of The Freeman. Gus Askew opened a paint shop next door to his blacksmith shop. Mr. Askew is doing some very fine work on carriages and hacks. Mrs. Anna Davis left Sunday for Anniston, Ala. Get The Freeman every Saturday at John Ward's restaurant.

An Accidental Fall.

Montreal, Can., Special.

Mrs. Julia Blackburn, while visiting a neighbor last Sunday morning, met with a severe accident by falling through a coal chute and received several injuries, but is recovering nicely. The engagement of Miss Anna Johnson and Mr. Jackson, of Chicago, is announced. They will be married in June, 1897. Mrs. Ruben Croker and daughter will spend the holidays in Boston, Mass. Mrs. Virginia Trueheart is on the sick list. For beautiful work in art and fancy work, patronize Miss Amelia Trueheart, our talented little artist. The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eva Porter, who was quite ill a few days ago, is much better. Ed. Steele was in the city this week. Fred Croker, of Vancouver, B. C., spent five days in the city this week. Read The Freeman. It is the leading colored newspaper. David Mason paid a flying visit to Chicago recently.

Sudden Death.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

William Barber died at his home on Dec. 10th, after a long illness. The funeral was held at St. Peters' church. Mr. Barker was one of our best known citizens. Mrs. Warfield, wife of Chas. Warfield, died suddenly at her home on the 12th. Henry Haines and Miss Nancy Reaves were married Dec. 11th.

RACE GLEANINGS.

A Negro woman is a candidate for postmistress of Kingston, N. C.

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Every house in Sardis, Ga., about 100, is owned and occupied by colored people.

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There are in Topeka, Kan., five colored schools, employing nineteen colored teachers.

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A band of members of the Salvation Army will soon leave New York to go South in order to organize work among the colored people in that section of the country. Atlanta will be the first city visited, and headquarters are to be established there.

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Prof. S. G. Snelson, principal of the Athens, Ga., Graded School, has united with the A. M. E. Church and as a presiding elder is to go shortly as a missionary to Africa. His wife is to accompany him and they will reside at Sierra Leone.

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H. K Holmes is the first colored man to build a brick business block in Cripple Creek, Col. It is situated on 2nd street, between Meyers and Bennett avenue, in the business part of the city. The owner has a news stand with cigars, tobacco, etc, in one part.

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At the request of the officials of the Tennessee centennial exposition Gov. McIntire has appointed the following delegates to represent Colorado in the Negro department: J. H. Stuart, J. C. Watson, P. E. Spratlin, and Mrs. E. Hackley of Denver; G. Carr of Manitou, and Joseph A. Jones of Del Norte.

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The employment of Negro girls has begun in the mills of Charleston, S. C., owing to the scarcity of white labor. White girls have displayed no inclination to continue in the work, and the manufacturers have done the inevitable thing in training colored girls for their places. The same wages are paid and the results are equally good.

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The will of the late Rev. Johnson Mitchem, of Franklin, Ind., has been probated. The entire property, valued at several thousand dollars, is vested in the widow during her lifetime, after which all, with the exception of $200, to be divided between his two step daughters, is bequeathed to Wilberforce University, with which to endow scholarships, to be placed at the disposal of the Indiana A. M. E. conference.

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There are thirteen chapels of the Protestant Episcopal denomination in Hayti pastored by colored rectors. There is also a large number of native lay readers. The Haytian church is an independent one, established by Bishop Holly. In the event of his death, a native must succeed him. The House of Bishops consists of three Bishops. Whenever another Bishop is to be elected, it must be from among the native clergy.

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No doubt many persons who know Rev. A. P. Camphor, A. M., B. D., will be surprised to know he and his wife have offered themselves to go with Bishop Hartzell as missionaries to Africa. Bro Camphor is a young man who was reared and educated by the late Rev. Stephen Priestly, of the Louisiana Conference, and after teaching a few years in New Orleans University he went to Gammon Seminary, and took the theological course. He has for some time been serving a church in the Delaware Conference at Orange, N. J., which is his second charge in the M. E. Conference.

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The death of one of the employees of the Counting Division, Government Printing office, brought about an interesting incident. Of the 25 persons employed in this division, the race has a single representative, Mr. R. W. Thompson who is principal clerk of the department. At a meeting recently held to take action concerning the death of this particular employee, a white Virginian, Mr Thampson was not only the unanimous choice of the room as a member of the committee on resolutions, but was made its chairman. We congratulate Mr. Thompson upon his selection, and the division upon its exhibition of a liberal spirit and just recognition of ability.

Old Folk's Home Concert.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

The Forum club held their regular meeting on the 13th inst. Twenty applications were received for membership. Rev. John Tuley, an African Missionary, was with the Central Baptist congregation on last Sabbath. A collection of $21.40 was taken up to assist the missionary cause. Eli. N. Trice, the proprietor of a west end tonsorial parlor, was assaulted by Joseph Smith, proprietor of the Southern Hotel and union depot barber shops. Miss Lyda Wyatt was married here last week. The Quaker Social club is going to give a grand entertainment soon. The Upper Ten social club is now installed in their new and cozy quarters at 1925 Morgan street. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Evans, of 923 N. Ewing avenue, are going to give their wooden wedding on the 21st. Mr. Evans is head waiter at the new Union Station restaurant. The coming event of the season will be the Old Folks' Home concert. There are ticket prizes for the one selling the most tickets. School prizes for highest average gift from the various public schools, and last but not least, a prize for the most popular pastor in the city.

Young Peoples' Union.

Temple, Tex., Special.

Rev. Stokes, Grand Lecturer of the Masonic fraternity of the state of Texas, is visiting Temple this week on business pertaining to the lodge. J. W. Williams left last week for Houston. The Central Cotton and Oil mill has closed down until January 1st. The Young Peoples' Union met Thursday night at the Second Baptist church. Mrs. Bonner, one of the oldest members of the A. M. E. church, is very sick. Mrs. Russell is still on the sick list. Hardy Reed has opened a first class restaurant on Eighth street. A grand concert and entertainment will be given at the First Baptist church the 24th inst.

Chatham Items—Personal Mention.

Chatham, Ont., Special.

The Y. M. C. convened in the A. M. E. church, Chathan township, Dec. 6th, which was well attended. Several papers were read, by Misses Arlena, Nellie, Sister Eddie and Annie Scott. Mr. Alex. Eddie opened his theme, "Fixed Hope;" Miss Francis Scott read an essay with much eloquence; the Rt. Rev. Bishop T. C. Wilmore presented to her a gold fountain pen. Rev. Daniel Eddie addressed the audience in an eloquent manner subject, "What will thou have me to do?" Prof. Molton was present and delivered an address. The Y. M. C. says God bless The Freeman.

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Elegant Entertainment.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

Miss Elizabeth B. Slaughter, of Louisville, Ky., is attending the Armour's Institution learning the millinery's trade. Hill Bros.' Dancing Academy gave an elegant entertainment Dec 11th, at Arlington's hall, will give another Chaistmas night, and a masquerade ball New Years' night.

Change of Time.

On the new change of time, which took effect November 22nd, train No. 12 on the C. H. & D. Ry, which leaves Cincinnati at 9:20 p. m. arrives in Detroit 6:15 a m., but passengers are allowed to remain in the sleeper until 7:00 o'clock.

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RACE RESTLESSNESS IN AFRICA.

That race difficulties exist alone in America, is an incorrect influence. The Lagos Weekly Record, of a recent date, has much to say relating to this question, which sounds very much like the editorials on the race question in many of our own journals. The position of the race is graphically displayed. The article bespeaks the same conditions that exist, as a rule, in our own Southland. It concludes by saying: "It is evidently wisdom, then, on the part of the white men, to modify his treatment of the native, if he aspires to dwell permanently in Africa." It would be a sensible construction of the last clause, to consider that "he" ambiguous, in face of the probable fact that he, the white man, will stay there nolens volens. But it can be seen at once that since he, the white man, has not been there in the distant past, consequently the "permanently" refers to he, who came on later. The necessity for such analysis exists when it is noted that anyone doubts the white man's tenacity, especially Englishmen. They have never been known to have given up a rood of earth except at the point of the bayonet. It is very evident that the difficulties can not be lessened from that direction. A better understanding is necessary, but threats of English decimation has no potency. Even Spain is defying the united sentiment of the western hemisphere by her determination to hold Cuba at any sacrifice. Certainly these untutored African masses can not hope to throw off the "incubus" no matter however foul. The relaxation, if any, must come from the dominant classes. "Dominant" has in this country become a detestable term with the Negroes, but it matters not about the painfulness of the confession, it is a fact, nevertheless, tacitly known or otherwise that "domination" is not meaningless. The thing to do here as well as there, is to acknowledge the issue and meet it squarely. Great Britain in London is not Great Britain in Lagos, Africa, or in other African ports. Battledore and shutlecock is the game being played with the Negro as in this country where numbers, with other considerations, constitute him obtrusive. We call special attention to the article, "Situation in Civilized Africa," a very excellent article taken from the Lagos Weekly Herald, which will be found in another column on this page.

THE CUBAN SITUATION.

The advice of Mr. Olney regarding the Cuban controversy, of course, is correct and proper, when he warns the states to stand aloof, so far as precedents go. But it seems a point should be strained in defense of humanity. At least the system of interference should not be operated against private volunteeres who have a right to go where they please and for what they elect. This government is not responsible for the actions of individuals in foreign countries. The country invaded has all to do with it, and metes out a just and sufficient punishment for the offender. That the government has nothing to recognize is unanswerable. It is true that countries of Europe recognized the confederate states as belligerents, but they had a capitol, a president and all the machinery requisite to a complete government. It has been stated that the issue in the end would not be doubtful as between Spain and the United States. The question is one of "right" and not "might." It is to be hoped that the little island may be, and it certainly looks that way, crowded to the confines by volunteers from this country, and the Spaniards driven in to the sea. Spain has proven the most relentless foe the world has known when dealing with her possessions. Her search for gold and the enslavement of the aboriginals of that very island, are among the dark pages of Spanish history. The cry of "on to Cuba" can prove sufficiently effectual without governmental paternity. Viva Cuba libre?

"MAJ." TAYLOR OF THIS CITY.

"Major" Taylor, the colored boy of Indianapolis, who rode so well in the New York bicycle race a few days ago, will ride in Washington, D. C., very soon. Young Taylor landed in the eighth place in the New York race, the significance of which will be appreciated when the character of the race is considered. There were twenty-seven entries; eleven remained in the race. The best long distance riders of the world was there. It was an international race. It was the greatest racing event in bicycle history. Hale, the winner of the first place, is from Ireland. He was a long distance walker for a number of years, hence his brawn. The other riders were well trained athletes. "Major" Taylor is a boy scarcely 21, who has been riding ever since he was able, yet he has never had any special training. Six days riding certainly taxes the endurance of the best physically equipped as well as the most exactingly trained. Taylor is small, spare made, but tough and wiry. It was all that he had in his favor. Before he rides again, it is safe to say his trainers will give him the attention needed. It is not exdected that he will eclipse Hale, for that is a physical impossibility, but no one needs to be surprised if he lands in second place. It is needless to say this town, irrespective of color, is up in "arms" for young Taylor.

THE RECORDERSHIP.

If the office of Recorder of Deeds should fall to the lot of a colored man, as usual, no better representative could be found than our worthy citizen, George L. Knox.—Independent, Indianapolis.

Mr. George L. Knox, proprietor of The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind , is being mentioned prominently for the position of Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia. He is warmly indorsed by the papers of his state.—American Baptist, Louisville, Ky.

We frequently see the name of Geo. L. Knox, of Indianapolis, Ind., mentioned in connection with the appointment of Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia, under the incoming McKinley administration. He is deserving of such a recognition at the hands of the Republican party, which he has so long and faithfully served. This is an office that has been filled by a colored man, and in all this union there is not a member of that race who is more competent or more worthy of the honor. He is an honest, sincere, self-made man and the party would honor itself in honoring him.—Knightstown Sun.

It is conceded that Hon. John W. Gowdy, who so successfully managed the campaign for the Republicans, will be treated handsomely by the incoming administration. Mr. Gowdy deserves all that may be tendered him for the brilliant services rendered the party in the past as well as more recently.

NEVER WRITE AGAINST TIME.

BY DR. M. A. MAJORS, DECATUR, ILL.

If you wish to write a poem just to get your name in print,
You think you've hit the mark that will bring a little mint;
You try to think a pretty thought—you tune it so 'twill rhyme,
You just writing 'gainst time, 'gainst time.

You set your head to thinking and you're sure you've struck a thought,
Your recapitulation will prove a phantom caught;
Some other mind has hit the mark, yet your little lines may rhyme,
You discover you are writing 'gainst time.

I myself have written lines, and I thought them very good.
'Till a retrospective view I recognized my magic mood,
When returning to my senses, I discovered 'twas good rhyme
But 'twas no use, I was writing 'gainst time.

To you who like to write, think it over for awhile,
With due reverence for your readers you must not forget your file;
To you its worth a hundred, while to others not a dime,
For you find out in a jiffey you are writing 'gainst time.

You must profit by mistakes, if you want to climb the hill,
And possess a soul elastic, writing poetry for the mill.
Draw a bill or two fantastic for your sort of tuneful rhyme,
You must write the kind of writing that's not 'gainst time.

SITUATION IN CIVILIZED AFRICA.

The article under the above caption which we reproduce to-day from the African Critic, leaves no room for doubt or conjecture as to the cause that conspired to drive the Matabele to war against the South Africa Chartered company. It is the same old story of wrong, oppression and outrage upon the native by the white man culminating in the former being driven to desperation and preferring to die by the sword rather than bear the indignities heaped upon him. In the case of the Matabele, the initiative in the perpetration of these atrocities upon the natives, was taken by a "high placed official" of the Chartered company, who set the example which was but too well followed by the native police. We in Africa who have some experience of the excesses committed by native police under the cloak and prestige of the authority which they represent, can well appreciate the vehement anger and resentment manifested by the Matabele in the matter. While in justice to the officials of Her Majesty's government, it is but right that we should say it seldom happens that we find one displaying the criminal propensities of the "high placed" Chartered company's official, still the fact remains that the native police in some way or other, becomes imbued with the idea that it is his privilege to impose upon and ill-treat his brother, the moment he is given any authority over him. This idea is traceable to the impression of superiority which civilized methods bear in their every relation to the native. Every agency brought to bear upon him—political, commercial and religious—has been made to operate in the unwholesome way of stamping him and his belongings as inferior and degraded, so much so that outward conformity to foreign methods even in the mere matter of dress, is taken as an indication of superiority. It is this false notion which inspires the native police to commit excesses upon his lay brother, and this notion conduces in divers other ways to work to the detriment of the native both materially and morally. As regards the tendency of the white man to oppress the native, it is neither polite nor wise if the former desires to maintain his control and predominance in Africa. It is absurd to suppose or believe that the African will forever remain the ignorant, submissive and abject creature which he now presents. He possesses all the attributes of humanity, and as he becomes more enlightened and is stimulated into national life and activity by the outside forces brought to bear upon him, he will exhibit these attributes in precisely the same way as they are exhibited by other nations. It is the ignorance of the native which enables the white man to make use of one for overcoming the other, but this condition will cease to exist as enlightenment spreads and the power for national growth is developed; and the naturally strong racial instincts of the people must serve to promote such growth. When this national power has been acquired the African will no longer remain the subjugated and oppressed creature of an alien race, but will undoubtedly exert himself to throw off the shackles of coercion and oppression, and repossess himself of his rights. It is evidently wisdom then on the part of the white man to modify his treatment of the native if he aspires to dwell permanently in Africa.—Lagos Weekly Herald.

DELINQUENCY.

The Emancipation celebration day should not be shelved, but should be remembered and celebrated as long as there is enough Negro blood left in the veins to tint the cheeks. No day since the advent of Christ means so much to Negroes. Yet it is a day that many are trying to read out of remembrance. O most refined ingratitude your complement is obloquy as it should be! It matters not so much where one comes from as it does to where he is gone or is going. It does not hurt anything nor anybody to panoramarize the past, and cast up the present situation. These days are not so halcyon or roseate that the past looses all touch. Every day lurid reminders flit athwart the pathway—strong pleaders for retrospection. Harriett Beecher-Stowe has not been duly honored, nor can she ever be by the Negro race; yet more could be done. No human agency ever conferred such favors on the whole of mankind as this noble character who has so lately passed to her reward. For a reward certainly awaits her, if mortals are so compensated. We could not think of a Christless heaven, nor would we think other than a heaven without Mrs. Stowe. Yet not one stone stands piled on another by Negro effort, for the honoring the great dead. It is not expected that what may be said will retrieve the tendency. It is simply present history faithfully recorded. But these little tendencies may be charged up to national traits which has much to do in sizing up a people.

BOOKS BY COLORED MEN.

The reception of Paul Dunbar's works after the critical gaze of foremost literary men of the day, has been a means of bringing to the front many a "Village Hampden." As Burns said he felt that he could write just as well as the great man Walter Scott. Burns was not mistaken. He perhaps did not soar into that lofty realm that only a Scott could attain, but a man's a man for a' that. He found his mission among the lowly and helped lighten the sun of human miseries. Many race writers aspire to become a Burns. A book of poems entitled, "Words of Consolation," by Rev. Lewis Johnson, president of Allen Institute, Pine Bluff, Ark., is a candidate for popular favor. As a divine, his productions are of a devotional character. Yet he makes excursions into other phases of poesy. His Thanksgiving is a beautiful little composition that stands well up in its class.

"And canst Thou think of one like me,
A sinner and a rebel though I be;
Whose acts are all opposed to Thee,
Thou God all Love?

Didst give Thy Son, my soul to free
From sins that rule and govern me,
And brought the light that I might see
Thy way above.

Now hear my prayer and make me Thine,
Let me fulfill that Thou design,
My sovereign God, who knows no time
In this our day.

I am a sinner lost, undone,
Oh! save this erring, wandering one,
By merits of Thine own dear Son,
I humbly pray!"

The above is a fair idea of the style of his compositions, which accordingly accord him a decided standing in his chosen sphere. It may be added that the author is a Presbyterian minister. The proceeds of the sale of the book will go towards the advancement of the educational interest of the Richard Allen Itstitute. For information, write to Rev. Lewis Johnson, president.

"I AM compelled to call the attention of the authorities to a growing evil in the community, which, if not checked, must seriously militate against the moral welfare and correct bringing up of the rising generation. I refer to the common practice of the aboriginal population of making use, on every trivial occasion, of the most abusive and vulgar expressions; and indulging in ribald songs and obscene language as a display of whitticism. It is hardly possible to take a walk in any part of the the crowded thoroughfares of the town without one's ears being shocked by such disgusting language—indulged in, sad to relate, especially by grown up persons who ought to know better."—Lagos Echo.

The above, from a journal published in Africa, to some degree reflects the manners of those people. Yet it is such a small bit of information that it would not be safe to base conclusions on it. Enough to say, however, a tendency with which we are well acquainted is noted; but happily these phases of primitive Negro civilization are disappearing in this country.

THE LIBERIAN REPUBLIC.

The even progress of the Republic of Liberia is either an evidence of national acquiesence or national apathy. At the death of its president, Joseph J. Cheesman, vice-president, W. W. Coleman, was duly installed as president, all of which would be no moment except it is one of the indices of the even tenor of Liberian national life. Not only now, but the same equableness has accentuated its career from its incipiency. It is not so in Hayti nor any of the republics in the volcanic belt. Yet it can not be said that Liberia enjoys as much prosperity, if hustle and bustle indicates anything, as any other of these minor republics. The easy progress of Liberia, if attended with commercial success, speaks loudly in favor of the people of that country.

The Appeal, of Chicago, comes to our office this week resplendent in holiday attire. It is certainly a very creditable result of a Christmas effort. It abounds in cuts of prominent individuals, buildings and excellent Christmas reading. The Appeal is to be complimented.

A very valuable contribution to race literature is the Thanksgiving sermon of Rev. R. C. Ransome, of Bethel A. M. E church, of Chicago. It is published in pamphlet form by the author, who is quite a writer on social topics as they effect the race.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend the Fifth Anniversary celebration of the W. H. A., at Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 17.

Church Notes—Personals.

Hope, Ark., Special.

An excursion went to Washington last Sunday. The C. M. E. Conference was a grand success. Services were held at the court-house, Bishop Bebee preached an able sermon at 11 o'clock. It was logical and a collection of $22.15 was raised. The 3 o'clock sermon was preached by Rev. Walker of Texas. The Sabbath school was largely attended. Four classes were taught by Rev. J. E. McDade. Class No. 2, was taught by Rev. R. S. Stout, Class No. 3, was taught by Rev. S. Doil the youngest preacher in the conference. Rev. Doil is assigned to Hope this year. Mr. D. J. Jackson the teacher was at Washington visiting friends. Rev. J. D. Dennis preached an able sermon Sunday night. All Afro-Americans should subscribe for The Freeman. If you want to renew your subscription for The Freeman call and see E. E. Elliott at his store. Prof. H. S. Show closed his school last Friday. Mr. Shaw is one of the young teachers. Rev. J. D Dennis, the A. M. E. pastor introduced to the C. M. E. Conference. Miss Nicy Pettie was one of the teachers at the conference. Rev. Luke Fombg stopped with E. E. Elliott Tuesday night. He was enroute to Canfield, Ark. P. L. Adair is teaching in the Phillip settlement.

THE DEMANDS OF THE HOUR.

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upon our attention. It is the duty of the race to direct all of its energy and apply every means at its command to induce the incoming administration to use its influence and power to relieve our people of the terrible distress imposed upon them by the odious class legislation which has been enacted in several of the states of the Union for their humiliation and subjugation, and for the suppression of the lawlessness which is so prevalent in the South, and of which our brethren are generally the victims. P. B. S. PINCHBACK,

Washington, D. C.

Death of an Aged Man.

Carinda, Iowa, Special.

The Second Baptist church is still progressing. It is preparing to start a revival. The Thanksgiving entertainment was a financial success. Rev. Knight, pastor of the A. M. E. church is on the sick list. Leon Mendenhall has been quite ill Mr. Adolphus Fosey of Keokuk, Iowa, is ill in our city. There has been a literary society organized at the A. M. E. church. Mr. John Jackson, age about 70, and one of the oldest colored citizens of Clarinda, died at his home Dec. 4th. He leaves a wife, one daughter, one son, two grand children and a host of friends to mourn his lost. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Mendenhall.

Death of a Young Lady.

Helena, Ark., Special.

Mrs. Minerva A, Brown, only daughter o Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Minor of Birmingham, Ala., died at her home here Nov. 30th. She was the wife of E. J. Brown to whom she was recently married. Mrs. Brown was 18 years of age and had been a student at Spelman Seminary at Atlanta, Ga. She was a christian and loved by all.

Wheatley Notes—Persona's.

Wheatley, Ark., Special.

Rev. P. Ransom, pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. church at this place preached here last Sunday Will preach next Sunday at Goodwin, Ark. Mrs. Mary Harris of Goodwin, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. May, at Wheatley. Everybody is enjoying a merry Christmas.

Personal Mention.

Decatur, Mich., Special.

The Rev. Mrs. Martin of South Bend, Ind., attended the Decatur Baptist church last Sunday. There was a party at the residence of Lewis Mahony Dec. 3d. Will Crossing returned from Arlington this week. Mrs, Nellie Butler is having her eyes treated at Mrs. Ellen Burnett's.

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Social Events—Personals.

Montreal, Canada, Special.

The home of Rev. and Mrs. John Brown 168 Versailles street, was the scene of a very pretty wedding Wednesday afternoon. The bride was their daughter, Miss Maud Brown, and the groom Mr. Geo. W. Bonner. The ceremony took place at three o'clock and was witnessed by the relatives and immediate friends. The death of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Croker was quite a shock, they have the sympathy of their friends. Mr. Frank Beard entertained a few friends last Thursday evening. Mr. Walter Blackburn and Mr. Wm. Clark made a business trip to New York, and Portland, Mo., last week. Mr. Geo. Stevens and wife of St. Louis, Mo., will make Montreal their future home. Mr. Silas Clark left Thursday for Quebec. Mr. RobertDePriest of Boston, Mass , was in the city this week. Mr. George Smith is home again after a lengthy trip to Vanconver, B. C. Have you read The Freeman? Its the best colored paper in the country. Mr. Geo. Paris has returned from Boston, where he has been for the past three weeks attending a law suit in the interest of the Canadian Pacific R R.

In Honor of Friends.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas entertained friends Tuesday evening. C. L. Stewart, wife and son dined with Mrs. Della Stewart Sunday. Miss Bertha Brown will visit Elkhart, Ind., the guest of Miss Cora Montgomery. Mrs. Bertha Weldon will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lemull Archie was in Constantine during the holidays. W. F. W. Stafford attended the china wedding of T. P. Wrights in Grand Rapids, Dec. 22nd. A. N. Stewart has returned from Cassopolis.

Mr. Isham will take sixty of his best artists to Europe early in the spring.

Richard and Pringle's Minstrels are still turning sway people in the South.

Hanley and Stowers "Dixie Co.," appeared at Price's Hill, Cincinnati, Dec. 24.

Billy T. Cook, monologuist, is stage director with Hanley and Stowers' "Dixie Co."

Isham's Oriental America, will appear at Empire Theatre, Indianapolis, Dec. 28th, 29th and 30th.

Sleighton's Jubilee Singers appeared at Bethel Church, Chicago, Dec. 15th. to a large audience.

It is said that Mrs. Flora Batson-Bergen has been three times separated from living husbands.

Black Carl, of Sam T. Jack's Creoles, is still mystifying large audiences in the East, with his wonderful feats of legerdermain.

Mrs. Maud Young Hogan is being well received as a soprano soloist and is also making a hit as a Jubilee leader with Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra.

Billy Johnson is singing Gussie Davis' latest song. "In the Baggage Coach Ahead," with Black Patti Troubadours winning much applause.

Mrs. Flora Batson-Bergen announced her separation from Manager Bergen from the stage of Metropolitan Church, Washington, Dec. 3.

J. A. Cockbin basso, with Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra is delighting the people with his solos, also causing them all to laugh with him in his laughing song.

Maggie Carnes Anderson, of Washington, D. C., formerly of Memphis, who died recently of pneumonia, was one of the original Jubilee Singers, that left Fisk University, in its early struggles, under the leadership of Prof. Geo. L. White.

The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra are playing to good business, they are booked to appear in Baltimore, Washington, D. C. and Philadelphia, soon.

Our leading companies are working their way into opera houses hitherto tightly closed to colored performers, and their ambitious attemps are wininng the highest encomiums from the press, which would have, but one or two years ago, been received with the greatest derision and laughter.

Black Patti is credited with singing to the largest audiences that have ever assembled in a music hall or a theater. Her first appearance at Carnegie Hall, New York City, attracted over 6,000 people, and her appearance at Madison Square Garden was attended by an audience of over 20,000 people.

Mrs. S. Carter piano soloist with the Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra, has been home for three weeks under the doctors care, is improving nicely she expects to join them about the last of December. Her place is being filled by Miss Etta Duval, of Hamilton, Ontario, Can.

It is said that the solo and ensemble singing of "Black Patti" and her associates in the operatic review is incomparably grand. Such a blending of fifty voices in inspiring operatic selections has rarely been equalled by the great Italian opera companies. It is in this work where the company is absolutely supreme, and which affords a musical feast which never fails of pleasing everybody. The public approval of this portion of the entertainment some times take a sensational form for it is not uncommon for audiences to reward "Black Patti's" song with cheers as hearty and vociferous as any accorded to the eloquence of a Bryan or a Cochran.

The latest electrical novelties in the way of stage effects will play an important part in the entertainment given by John W. Isham's "Oriental America," which comes to Empire Theatre, New Year's week. The scenic environment will be on a lavish scale, as they are from the deft brush of John H. Young, of the Broadway Theatre, New York. Especial attention has been paid to the costuming, Mr. Isham and Mr. Dazien selecting them in Paris with a great deal of care. All the latest travesties will be introduced, and in conclusion the programme includes 40 minuets' around the operas, wherein the old masters and late popular airs of grand and comic opera will form no small portion of the evening's entertainment. The company numbers 65 of the brightest and most talented of the race, and it goes without saying that a splendid performance will be given.

A New Enterprise.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

The marriage of Miss Anna Adams and Ausborn Rogers took place in this city, Thursday, Dec. 17th at the home of the bride's parents on Washington street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. C. Edmonson. After the ceremony a grand reception was given at the bride's parents. The presents were handsome. Rev. D. C. Edmonson who for four years served the A. M. E. church here goes to Troy. While here he did a good work for the church and suffering humanity. The members of St. Luke's A. M. E. church like their new pastor. The W. C. T. U. has elected the following officers: Mrs. Easter Fryer, president; Mrs. Lizzie Sherman, vice president; Miss Rosetta Littleton, chaplain; Mother Miles, treasurer; Mrs. Amanda Mitchell, secretary; Mrs. Genia Johnson, assistant sec'y. Mrs. Mary Nixon died on the 17th. She was a member of the A. M. E. church. Rev. C. W. Banton of Birmingham has been sent to Eufaula to pastor St. Luke's A. M. E. church. Rev. John Harmon has returned to St. John A. M. E. church.

Temple Happenings.

Temple, Tex., Special.

C. B. Fuller spent Sunday in Temple, John Honsbey left Sunday for his home at West Point to spent the holidays. Miss Dora Elliott and Miss Eddie Flucker of Belton, spent Sunday in this city. Rev. R. Hoyle of Waco, Tex., gave a grand lecture at the First Baptist church Monday night. The Empire Cotton Oil mill closed Friday night. The Santa Fe Railway company's pay roll in Temple this month was $66,000. The Santa Fe dining hall when completed will be one of the finest in the state. The city school will have another teacher Jan. 1, 1897.

Edinburg Notes—Personals.

Edinburg, Ind., Special.

The services were well attended at the First Baptist church Sunday, preaching by the pastor, R. D, Leonard, collection $9.50. Mr. T. A. York and family will move to Indianapolis. Miss Kate Gooden will make her home with her sister, Mrs. S. Hodge of Shelbyville, Ind. Rev. R. D. Leonard has been chosen pastor of the First Baptist church. Mrs. Dave Johnson who has been quite sick is better.

Queen City Concert.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

"Faith Triumphant or the healing of Naaman," a beautiful cantata rendered in full and brilliant costumes at Zion Baptist church Dec. 21st, under the auspices of the Zion Baptist Literary society was a grand success. Stage manager John Webb, jr., assisted by Mrs. Mary W. Coleman, Mrs. Wm. Friason, Harry Jordan, G. L. Coleman, Misses Bessie Withers and Annie Belle Monroe. There will be a grand war song concert given at the Union Baptist church Jan 1st, '97, for the benefit of the church. Hon. A. L. Dalton, attorney at law, left on the 21st inst., for Chester, Pa., to settle the estate of John Watts, representing George Watts brother of the deceased.

The Phillis Wheatley Literary was held at the Ninth street M.E. church on Wednesday evening Dec. 16th, and was favored with large audiences. Here after it will meet at its old place, the Christian Auditorium, corner Plum and Seventh streets. Mr. H. E. Williams was elected editor of the Phillis Wheatley Journal, Mr. Erie Dickson having resigned. The grand concert given under the auspicies of the Queen City church club No. 2, Wednesday evening Dec. 9th, at Zion Baptist church, was a grand success. Net amount $32. The club wishes to thank the public for their liberal patronage. Prof. Delaney will leave for New York City this week. Jas. Grier and W. H. Fielding made a visit to Springfield, last Sunday. Prof. Albert Johnson, the famous pianist of the Tennessee Jubilee Singers, paid a visit to his mother last Sunday. Mrs. Ella Barrett will leave for New Richmond, and Chicago on Christmas day. Mr. David Wilburn of Springfield, O., passed through the city last week entoute for Atlanta, Ga. There will be a cantata, "David the Shepherd Boy," to be given at Zion Baptist church Dec. 28th. The participants consists of some of the best talent in the city. Manager Miss Annie Belle Monroe. Calvary Baptist church held its communion Sunday afternoon by the pastor Webb, assisted by Rev. P. B. Ferguson to a large attendance.

The Mt Zion M. E. church literary rendered an excellent program Thursday evening Dec. 17th. One of the grand features was a debate. Mr. J. Tull had the affirmative and Mr. Smith negative. The judges, Messrs. G. L. Coleman, Wallace Campbelle and A. Weaver rendered their discussion in favor of the affirmative.

COLLEGE HILL NOTES.

The grand concert given at the M. E. church last Friday evening under the management of Mr. W. B. Holden was a success. Rev. H. H. Harris preached two sermons to large congregations Sunday morning and evening. The Freeman can be found on sale at J. S. Fielding's barber shop, 108 Longworth street. Mrs. F. Moreland was called to Rushville, Ind., to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Lida Everett her brother, Mr. W. H. Moody of Topeka, Kan., was in attendance. Mrs. A. J. Moody of Rushville, Ind., is visiting her daughter Mrs. J. F. Moreland of 929 Mound street. There will be a grand concert given by the young people of the M. E. church, Dec. 30th.

REV. J. CLAY COLEMAN.

Rev. J. Clay Coleman, financial agent of the Ontario Conference of the A. M. E. church visited the city last week lecturing at several churches. His theme "Bishop Taylors Mission to South Africa," was beautifully illustrated with views, and presented by use of two powerful stereopticans. He succeeded in creating a missionary feeling in all of his audiences. An angel which resplendently penentrated the convex, condave and crudensing lenses of his stereoptican outfit was produced by great phantasmagoria palzoptican elucidation, which showed forth the lecturers skill as an illustrating lecturer and discribing artist. Mr. Coleman is is in pursuance of a scheme which he desires to spring before the people in the near future. He is deeply interested in Africa and is now formulating an African Missionary movement. In 1889 Mr. Coleman was one of the advocators of a Building Loan Association in the state of Mississippi, which resulted in an organization now building schools, stores, and factories. He assisted in the Afro-American Mercantile Association movement at Little Rock, Ark., in 1892, was elected General Superintendent of the firm.

REV. J. CLAY COLEMAN.

He Perfomed Miracles.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

The quarterly conference at the A. M. E. church was a financial success. About $40 was raised. Presiding Elder S. R. Reid was much encouraged by the outlook at this point. The closing exercises of the public school were highly satisfactory. The board of education was present, and the graduating class was addressed by Hon. H. L. Dayton, representing the board. Miss Lucinda Washington has gone to Fisk. Miss Annie Davis will leave Saturday for Washington, D. C., to study nurse training. Dr. T. W. Haigler, of Chattanooga was here recently and created a sensation by some of his cures. Mrs. Mary Thompson who has been lying at the point of death, and who was given up by three of our best white physicians, and by two colored ones, was raised by Dr. Haigler, and is now doing well. He cured severals chronic cases while here. Some of his admirers call him "Black Jesus." Dr. Haigler is a success as a physician. Dr. H. is a Negro of unmixed blood and did what distinguished physicians said could not be done. He claims to have made a medical discovery and wisely refuses to reveal it. The M. E. church has purchased a new organ. Miss M. E. Stubbs is teaching dress making, etc., at Phillips academy. Miss Ellen Mitchell continues quite sick. Mrs. Simon Burt was buried last week. Wedding bells will ring here next week. J. C. McAdams has been invited to address the citizens of Nashville on Emancipation day, Jan. 1st. Mrs. Bell Greer has returned from Nashville. Knott's Hall is to be recovered and several other needed improvements made before the opening of school. Circuit Court is in session, and as usual the Negro has three cases to the white man's one.

Meridian Musings.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

The New Hope Baptist church held communion on the 20th. Rev. Johnson of Alabama preached. Mrs. J. W. Longstreet and son Joseph, who have been visiting friends at Vicksburg. Westley Moore of Collinsville, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Sophia Goodwin of Shugulak. Mrs. Ida Moore is improving. Mrs. Annie Avery who has been sick the past two weeks is improving. T. Murray, the hustler for The Freeman has been sick. Little Lizzie, daughter of Mrs. C. B. Hyman, has been very sick the past week. E. H. Carr, who is teaching school at Bailey spent Sunday with his mother. Miss Addie J. Carter, formerly employed by the Preachers and Teachers at Koscuisko, is now working on the Baptist Trumpet at Enterprise. Rev. W. A. Coleman, who has been attending conference at Raymond has been sent back to Meridian for another year. Henry Radfort, formerly of this city, but now of Clarksdale, has been visiting his brother, Prince Radford and family. W. M. Jefferson, headwaiter at the Grand Avenue Hotel has been very sick. E. H. Washington, who is teaching at Shubulta is spending the holidays with his parents in Meridian. Ed Oliver, who has been sick is improving. Miss Lillie Fikes, who is teaching school at Pilgrim Rest is spending the holidays with her parents. Miss Estella Mason is still very ill. The Government Building is in progress of erection, and when completed will make an elegant postoffice. Rev. Wm. Thomas has been sent to Hickory and Forest. All of the churches held services Christmas morning. George Tindall of Demapolis, Ala., has been visiting his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Tindall, with a view of locating here. The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Shep Hyman suddenly disappeared from their home at Demopolis. A grand entertainment was given in the basement of the Pilgrim Progress Baptist church, East End, Thursday night, the 17th. It was a grand success. It is with sadness we announce the death of Mrs. Minerva Brown, nee Minor. She died with a full hope in Christ. We extend our sympathy to her husband and parents. Rev. C. L. Harris, who has been sick for three months, is able to be out again. He preached a splendid sermon last Sunday, subject was "Our Forefathers or the Puritans."

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"There is one man whose career as a feigner of epilepsy is most remarkable. This man's name was Craig, and my first knowledge of him was when I was connected with the Whitechapel Road House hospital, the biggest hospital in England. It had been noticed that whenever Craig fell in a fit in the streets of London, reports were sent in to the police of money and jewelry lost. He was more than suspected and was sent into the hospital, both to be treated and to be watched. This man was a perfect fraud, but he was so well up in his acting that though he was most carefully watched he escaped detection. He was a valuable man, but perhaps his pals feared that the London police had too close an eye on their movements. At all events Craig was next heard of in America. The old formula was repeated. He fell in fits, and valuables stolen were reported to the police. He was shifted around from hospital to hospital, and a careful watch was kept upon him, both when he was in one of these fits and in the time of their intermission.

"Craig began to think that a 'coup de theatre' was necessary to save his reputation. He was at this time confined in a hospital and was in one of the upper wards in the front part of the building. There were doors that opened out on a balcony. This balcony was 38 feet from the ground, and at its base there was a solid stone pavement. Epileptics are usually a dull, stupid sort of people, even when not in fits, and Craig feigned this stupidity as well as the other symptoms of the disease. He was allowed to wander about the hospital pretty much as he pleased, and every once in awhile down he would fall in a fit. The doctors had not discovered his fraud, but Craig felt more than uneasy at the way he was watched and suspected. One morning he got up from his chair, and, with a dazed sort of a look, at the same time putting his hands up to his head, he staggered toward the balcony and tumbled over backward—down, down, the full 38 feet—to the stone pavement below. When he was picked up, it was found that one of his wrists was broken and that he was otherwise hurt, though, wonderful to tell, not seriously. Of course this settled in the minds of the doctors the doubt that had previously existed as to whether he was a fraud or not. The thing worked exactly as Craig had planned that it should, and in course of time he was discharged as a true but incurable epileptic. Once again on the outside, he worked successfully the old game of fits and pocket picking in threes.

"Once more he was taken up and sent to the hospital. Here a young doctor set for himself the task of watching this clever rogue. He had every symptom. He would froth at the mouth, blood would stream from his tongue that he had bitten in his convulsions, and there seemed nothing wanting in real epilepsy. But this young doctor kept his vigil, and patience had its reward.

"One day, just as Craig was going through the preliminaries before falling—the looking dazed, the slowly attempting to fight off the coming spasms, the clinching of the hands—the young doctor who was watching him observed that, instead of closing the hands with the fingers over the thumbs, as would have been the case necessarily in true epilepsy—for the thumb, having the shorter muscle, must feel the contracting force first—Craig shut his hands with the fingers on the inside of the thumbs. The doctor gave him a gentle kick in the side and said: 'That'll do, Craig. I've caught you. You are a fraud. You've done your tricks well and for a long time, but your time is up. If you had been a true epileptic or just a little better read in medicine, you would have closed the fingers over the thumbs.' Without a single protest Craig straightened up and said, 'Well, I knew it was bound to come some time.'"

"What became of the man?"

"Oh, his talents found a market. He was so well known, had been so written up for the medical journals of both Europe and America, that the doctors hired him to go before medical students and demonstrate to them how epilepsy could be feigned and also to explain how these pretenders were taught in England and elsewhere. To counterfeit the frothing at the mouth they used a small piece of soap. If there was any danger of detection, they could swallow both soap and froth. With a little sharp knife a stab could be given to the tongue which would simulate the biting of that member."—New York Tribune.

Rockers.

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CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM.

How the City of Christ's Nativity Observes Its Anniversary.

There are always more or less pomp and display in Bethlehem at Christmas time. Christmas night is a night of watching, and few people go to bed until the gray streaks of dawn are showing in the east. Sweetmeats and hard boiled eggs are the refreshments, and there are bonfires, illuminations and fireworks. There is a procession of many pilgrims, headed by the French consul surrounded by eight guards. On the way they are joined by the sheik of Bethlehem and prominent people of the city. Every one turns out—men, women and children—to see and greet the procession with cheers. There are gorgeous Roman Catholic ceremonials which last until midnight, when a long procession carrying lighted candles goes to the Grotto of the Nativity. There are a cross bearer, monks, churchmen, the bishop of Jerusalem and laymen. The bishop carries in his hands a cradle, containing a waxen image of the infant Christ, all, of course, bedecked with gold embroidery and silken clothing, which he deposits in the marble manger, repeating the words, "And here they laid it in a manger because there was no place for them at the inn." The services frequently last until 2 o'clock.

Many of the people of Bethlehem gain a livelihood by selling to tourists beads, carved mother of pearl shells, small tables, crucifixes, cuff buttons made of olive wood and cards on which are arranged and pressed the flowers of the neighborhood. These are sold in great quantities, as every tourist is anxious to bring away a souvenir of Bethlehem. It was once customary for the visitors to the tomb of Christ to bring away a more lasting memorial of their visit than the wooden or shell ornaments, and this was no more or less than to have crosses, stars and monograms marked upon their bodies with gunpowder.—New York Herald.

ALSATIAN COOKERY.

Stewed Hare With Noodles One of the Traditional Dishes.

Alsace still preserves her traditions of cookery, and every Christmastide the traditional dishes appear on the table—sauerkraut, surrounded by little white sausages and crowned by a piece of smoked bacon; stewed hare, with noodles, and roast goose stuffed with chestnuts.

But the favorite dish is the famous kugelhopf and anisseed bread, which are made after the following fashion:

Four pounds of flour, a pound of fresh butter, a pint of milk, half a pound of raisins, 6 ounces of yeast, 2 eggs, 2 tablespoonfuls of rum, 2 tablespoonfuls of sugar, a pinch of salt and a few almonds. Heat the milk and the yeast. Mix the yeast with a third of the milk without frothing it, add enough flour to form a ball of light paste that will not stick to the fingers. Let this remain for half an hour until its size is increased by half through fermentation. The proper point can be ascertained by putting the finger into the paste, when it should take its original form. Then put the rest of the milk, with the butter, sugar and rum, into the dish. Place it in an earthern pot and work it till it will no longer stick either to the pot or to the fingers. Then add the 2 eggs and the raisins, working all together, and put it in a hot furnace for an hour.

Kugelhopf is generally eaten cold.—Exchange.

CHRISTMAS IN BRITTANY.

The Aged Women Remembered by the Country Folk at Midnight Mass.

In Britanny, in France, a curious custom in almsgiving is of very old origin. When the country folk go to the midnight mass, the opening mass, of Christmas day, they all carry lanterns to light them on their way. Upon their arrival at the church they give their lanterns over to the poor old women of the parish, who are gathered in a crowd outside the church awaiting them.

The worshipers enter the sacred building and then attend to the devotions, which the church teaches should be of especial fervor at this holy season. But when the mass is ended, and they are dismissed with the benediction, they come forth to find the patient old women awaiting them outside the church bearing the lanterns. The lanterns are given back to their owners, and as each takes his own he exchanges for it a piece of money. The value of the piece varies, but the alms are always considerable, and they stand as an exponent of that charity which the church teaches to its children. The old women go home in happiness, their hearts lightened by the weight of silver that lies above them, but the givers go home yet more happy in the consciousness of welldoing.—Exchange.

The Yuletide Log.

Christmas eve is the time to put the Yule log on the fire. In old times it was the custom to bring it into the house with great ceremony and merriment.

The Yule log was always lighted with the brand of the last year's log, which was carefully preserved for this purpose. The burning of the log had the effect of purifying the house of evil spirits. It must be lighted, therefore, with clean hands.

With the Yule log went the Christmas candles, which were lighted at the same time and placed, wreathed with evergreen, in the most conspicuous portion of the room. In Catholic times the candles were often of three branches, signifying the Trinity.—Exchange.

The Blossoming Thorn Tree.

At Glastonbury, in south England, there is a thorn tree which is believed to blossom on Christmas day, and then again about Easter.

The Kneeling Cattle.

In many parts of Germany it is believed that oxen fall on their knees in the stalls at the moment of Christ's nativity.

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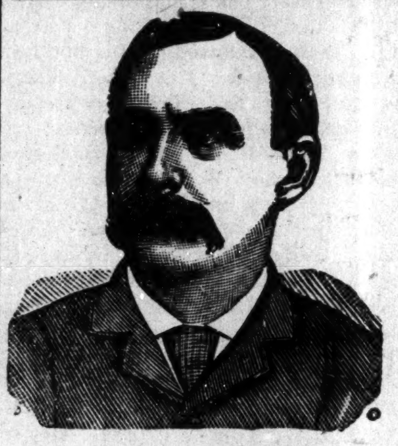

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Where the flowers ever blossom, the beams ever shine;
Where the light wings of zephyr, oppress'd with perfume,
Wax faint o'er the gardens of Gul in her bloom;
Where the citron and olive are fairest of fruit,
And the voice of the nightingale never is mute;
Where the tints of the earth, and the hues of the sky,
In color though varied, in beauty may vie,
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CHRISTMAS GREENS.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THEIR USE IN DECORATION.

Beautiful Effects Produced by the Artistic Arrangement of Cedar, Spruce and Pine. Mountain Ash and Holly Berries—Flowers Do Not Harmonize With Evergreen.

Evergreens are almost wholly depended on as material for Christmas decoration. Whatever else comes into play in the decorative scheme is regarded as accessory. But, while the consideration of that part of the subject which treats of what may properly be called foundation effects is of chiefest importance, the consideration of accessories should not be neglected, for by the use of them we secure variety and can produce effects that could not be brought about if nothing but evergreens was used.

Cedar is used extensively in the manufacture of wreathing for festooning arches and many other parts of a building, but if you want pleasing results do not confine yourself to it to the exclusion of other varieties of evergreen. If you do, you are certain to have too much sameness, and the result will be a very tame effect.

Spruce is valuable where flat work is to be done because of its flat habit of branch formation. Hemlock, for some reason, is seldom used, but it is very beautiful and lends itself to fine effects much better than spruce or cedar. Pine, because of its bolder and more irregular habit, will be found to produce a lighter, airier effect, and it should be used much more extensively than it is at present. Large branches of it are extremely pleasing when used where the strength and dignity which characterize them can be brought out fully. Never attempt to make use of them in places where their natural freedom has to be hampered and restricted. Make them into wreathing, and they will surely disappoint you, because you have tortured them into unnatural shapes, and their individuality, which is one of their charms, is lost. If you have a large surface whose bareness you wish to break up pleasingly, make a sort of panel of it by running a border of greenery around it, and across it dispose as naturally as possible a large branch or a combination of branches of pine. If full of cones, all the better. The effect will be very good if the branches are allowed to retain their natural shapes. If not, the piece will be sure to haunt you for a long time to come, with its mute but powerful accusation of your violation of artistic taste.

Holly is always beautiful for decoration, but because of its scarcity and its expense it is frequently not thought advisable to use much of it. If you have but little, do not weaken the effect by scattering it about here and there, but concentrate it. Confine it to the altar or the chancel. Running pine is very pretty for use about the chancel rail, around the font or as a decoration for chandeliers or the organ front, where large branches or heavy festoons would seem out of place.

To brighten the somewhat somber effect of dark evergreen foliage the berries of the mountain ash are extremely useful. Concentrate the color effect given by them as much as possible at each point where used. One large mass of light color, showing against a dark background, is much more pleasing than several small spots of it distributed over a considerable space.

In making wreathing always use a stout, small rope as a foundation. Cord is quite likely to break from the weight of the branches used on it, especially if long festoons are needed. Use stout twine of some dark color or fine wire for fastening the branches in place. In making up wreathing do not allow it to become flat, as it is quite likely to if care is not taken to arrange the branches used about the rope instead of on it.

A very pleasing effect may be secured by the use of pine as an altar or chancel decoration if the branches are dusted over with powdered mica after giving them a sprinkling of glue. They will have the appearance of being covered with particles of hoar frost. This effect is quite easy to produce if the work is carefully done. It is well to experiment a little to ascertain just what consistency the glue should have and how to apply it in order to secure the desired effect. A most charming panel can be made by running a large branch of pine thickly covered with this imitation of frost across a background of rich color. If this branch is full of cones, gild them and you add another touch of brightness to the picture that heightens its charm. If it has no cones of its own, it will be found an easy matter to attach some by wires and give them a natural appearance.

Flowers should never be scattered about among such decorations. They are not in harmony with them. If any are used, let them be confined to the altar. White ones will be found most effective. Lilies are best of all. Neither would I advise the use of palms or other plants of similar character in combination with evergreens. If they are used, keep them by themselves. I am sometimes asked about "designs" for Christmas use—"bells," "stars" and the like. Invariably I discourage any such idea. A "Christmas bell" in evergreens is a burlesque on good taste, and its "tone" is one of discord rather than harmony. A "Christmas star" is more objectionable, because, as generally constructed, it suggests thoughts entirely out of keeping with the time and place.—Eben E. Rexford in Ladies' Home Journal.

Christmas Dinner In Portugal.

Turkeys stuffed with truffles and roasted sucking pig festooned with black puddings and served with sausages and slices of lemon and roast duck, with rice pudding, make the Christmas dinner of this country. The feast is accompanied by broas, a kind of small roll of flour and cheese, cornmeal, olive oil, salt, sugar, honey and aniseed, and cut into the form of lozenges.—Exchange.

GUV'NOR'S DAY.

'Twuz gov'nor's day at the county fair.
Me an my gal jes' come f'um there,
An we heard the speech 'at the gov'nor made,
How he tol' the farmers about their trade,
Rickommended wheat sown in July
To cheat the chinch bug an Hessian fly.
He used to plant corn already popped,
An it kep' a-growin an never stopped
Till jes' afore Chris'mus an hung on the trees
In little lace bags as nice as you please.
Said small watermillions wuz better'n big,
'Cause they wouldn't break the supportin twig.
Skimmilk cheese wuz his favorite kind.
Fer rich food he alluz wuz inclined,
So he liked his cheese 'ith the skimmin's in.
An, my, jes' didn't them farmers grin
To hear him talk 'bout waterin stock
By h'istin 'em down 'ith a rope an block
To the water below ef the bank wuz high,
'Cause exercise made the cows run dry!
An he said hay wouldn't get sour an black
Ef you put some ice in the midst of the stack
To keep it f'um heatin. An how the boys
Would 'preciate better a farmer's joys
Ef he run the grin'stone 'ith a bicycle rig
An fitted the plow 'ith the seat of a gig.
An our wives would bloom like a Sharon rose
Ef we chartered a Chinee to wash the clothes
So't they could rest an paint chiney jugs
'Ith cranes an dragons an flies an bugs.
B'gosht a'mighty, wut doesn't he know?
'Twould puzzle an almanac to show.
Oh, he's a wise'n, the gov'nor is,
To tell the people about their biz.
But Il'l bet a cooky next county fair
That p'tic'lar gov'nor he won't be there.

—J. L. Heaton in "The Quilting Bee."

WOMEN OF ARMENIA.

English Customs Are Slowly Reaching Them—The Mother's Rule.

The Armenian girl is little troubled with education, beyond household duties, spinning and needlework—and at this last accomplishment she is always an expert, especially at embroidery—unless, indeed, she attends one of the excellent Armenian mission schools carried on in many towns, where she will learn English, French and possibly her own language, for Armenians not infrequently adopt the vernacular of the country wherein they live. She will also acquire a thirst for fiction, English and French. The Armenian girl is deeply sentimental and likes to read of love, and marriage is, of course, the ultima Thule of her ideas. This little matter is generally arranged by her mother, and nowhere are women of more importance or hold more weight in the family councils. The mother is at the head of the patriarchal establishment, in which her sons, their wives and often her nephews and nieces dwell. She rules her sons and sons' wives, the latter, perhaps, with a somewhat severe hand, especially during the first year of their married lives, when, except to attend church, they may not go out, though, when the daughters-in-law in their turn become mothers greater liberty is permitted them.

In more advanced portions of the community a girl's choice is practically unrestricted, and it is well that it is so, for the Armenian church strenuously opposes divorce, and the marriage bond is only soluble by death. Not infrequently the girl's choice falls upon an Englishman or other European, and many merchants and telegraph officials in Persia and Turkey find them excellent wives.

The Armenian national costume consists of a voluminous skirt of heavy brocaded material, a tight sleeved bodice of the same stuff, much embroidered about the front, with handsome filigree silver belts marking the waist. The head coverings are fichus of fringed embroidered silk, and a multitude of chains and coins hang round their necks. In winter the embroidered bodice is exchanged for a wadded one, and huge felt shoes are worn over the ordinary boots to keep out the biting cold. Though the Armenian women do not wear veils to conceal their features as a point of religion, they not infrequently do cover their faces with gauze or a corner of a shawl.

Some of the younger women, however, have discarded their native costume for that of London three years ago, and they are evidently not quite at ease in their newly acquired corsets. They copy the fashion plates in English papers and produce wonderful combinations of pink, blue and violet, which are further adorned with quantities of brilliant jewelry. They are full of curiosity regarding the life of civilized nations, particularly in the matter of marriage, and never miss an opportunity of obtaining information on the subject.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Costly Etiquette.

The latest pamphlet published by the commission of historical manuscripts in London contains the following interesting and curious travesty on etiquette: "The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, having been summoned to appear before the house of lords in 1692 in order to plead their suit for divorce, it was debated whether the lord chancellor, sitting as chairman, should lower his dignity by bowing to the duchess and speaking to her only with his cap in his hand. This question was argued for several days in the house of lords until debate exhausted itself and several duels resulted. At length it was decided that the lord chancellor should first receive the bows of the duke and duchess and return them with uncovered head and after that he should replace his cap." This rule was followed to the letter and is still adhered to today when similar contingencies arise.

The Dwarf Elephants of Malta.

The island of Malta is the only known spot where the remains of dwarf elephants are found. There are several places on the island where the bones of these miniature pachyderms have been unearthed, and hundreds of skeletons have been secured, in whole or in part. One of these, whose teeth and bones showed was a full grown specimen, was less than 2½ feet in height and could not have weighed over 600 pounds when in the flesh.—St. Louis Republic.

The miter worn by the Jewish high priest was a kind of diadem, resembling a turban in shape. On the front was a gold plate, fastened by a blue ribbon and engraved with the inscription, "Holiness to the Lord."

From Penang to New York a letter requires 85 days to make the journey.

OLD CHRISTMAS SPORTS.

Some Ancient English Ways of Making Merry at This Season.

In the olden times Christmastide was essentially the season of sports, and few relics of the olden days are recurred to with more zest by our fathers than the mirthful games and the goodly frolics which were wont to usher in the days of "merrie Christmas." At the present day, while Christmas parties and merrymakings are still formed to render the dark season of December more enlivening and cheerful, yet the sports of Christmas are very different now from what they were 100 years or more ago. True it is that hoodman blind, snapdragon and hunt the slipper still survive to a greater or less extent, but the good old English merrymakings, like the good old English melodies, appear to be banished from our doors, and nothing is left of them but tradition.

Christmas was in its best estate in the days of the good Queen Bess, and it is a pleasant reflection to think what "high jinks" Shakespeare, Ben Jonson and the rest of that right merry crew must have indulged in. Then was the time when the boar's head was brought to the table amid the blare of trumpets and the beating of drums, while the whole company sang pæans in its praise. The brown October ale flowed without stint, the fire blazed and crackled with the Yule log, while the Lord of Misrule, without whom Christmas would be as nothing, put in practice all the arts of which he was the master, when the games lasted for a full month and every one was made happy for a twelvemonth.

Only fancy "the worshipful master Shakespeare" enacting the part of the Lord of Misrule at the court of Elizabeth, while the queen and Leicester and Essex and Southampton and Pembroke and Raleigh and that "ponderous sink of learning," Bacon, and the whole bevy of beauties took part in the revelries. Ah, those were brave times!

What we call Christmas sports now were in England of very ancient origin, and the Druids celebrated during the winter solstice the rites in honor of Thor, one of the Scandinavian deities, and some few of the customs by which the festivities attendant upon Christmas in later days were characterized may be traced to the established ceremonies in honor of that heathen deity. Thus the practice of adorning the house with mistletoe has been derived from the use of that plant in the Druidical ceremonies, and other customs which obtained in England but a few years since are referable to the same origin.—Boston Herald.

CHRISTMAS MENU.

It May Be Indicated by Quotations Rather Than Names of Dishes.

Let the menu cards be two holly leaves, joined at the points on the upper side and arranged to stand up in front of each plate. Paint both outer surfaces the color of the leaves and write the menu inside. This should be indicated by quotations rather than by the names of the dishes themselves. For instance:

"An oyster may be crossed in love."

"Beautiful soup, so rich and green,
Waiting in a hot tureen,
Who to such dainties would not stoop?
Soup of the evening—beautiful soup!"

"Canst thou catch any fishes there?"

"Some wish a pinion, some prefer a leg;
Some for a merry thought, or side bone, beg."

"My more having is a sauce to make me hunger more."

"No man's pie is freed from his ambitious finger."

"How fresh you are and green in this old world!"

"Cheese is indeed a peevish elf,
Digesting all things but itself."

"Coffee, which makes the politician wise."

"Sublime tobacco, which from east to west
Cheers the tar's labor or the Turkman's rest."

"I will show myself highly fed."

"All's well that ends well."

—New York Herald.

Austrian Gastronomy.

The gastronomical taste of Austria differs very materially from that of Germany. Fried carp, little sausages, noodles and cakes flavored with pears compose the ordinary menu of the middle class Viennese, but on Christmas day roast turkey, or, in the absence of that, goose, with potatoes, is the simple feast on the Austrian's table. The turkey is dressed with apples and German vermicelli mixed with honey and poppy seeds. Poppy seeds are also baked in the bread and so arranged as to form a cross when the bread is cut. The dessert is of hasty pudding, in which is mixed almonds in addition to the usual cream, sugar and butter. This is then run off into little tarts, which are served individually to the diners.—New York World.

Telling the Bees.

In Devonshire, England, a messenger is sent from the house of the farmer to tell the bees that Christmas day has come, and they are supposed to greet the glad tidings with a joyful hum.

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See de bright light shine!
De fife en drum
Say Christmus come—
So carve dat possum fine!

Christmus comin crost de hill—
Carve dat possum fine!
De cider foam, en de 'lasses spill—
Carve dat possum fine!

Oh, believers,
See de bright light shine!
De fife en drum
Say Christmus come—
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—Atlanta Constitution.

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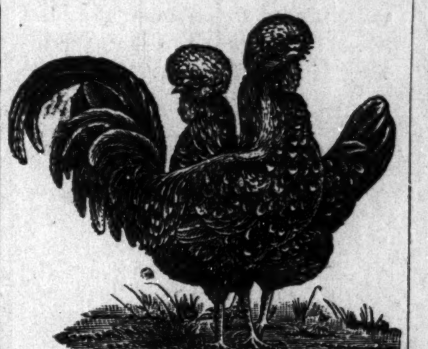

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Hear Mrs. Dr. Porter at the Holiday Dulcet.

The Freeman can be had at the Bates House Barber Shop.

Mrs. Sophia Fleming spent Sunday and Monday in Chicago.

Hear the artistic chorus at the Holiday Dulcet.

Miss Lillian Ward left the city Christmas day for Richmond.

Mr. W. H. Walker the celebrated cornetist at the Holiday Dulcet.

Billy Johnson of the "Troubadours," gave our office a pleasant call.

The entertainment of the season, the Holiday Dulcet on the 30th.

The Cantata, entitled the "Haymakers," will be given at Allen Chapel Friday evening Jan. 1st.

The gold medal duetist, Misses Lena Howard and Ora Spires on the 30th.

Invitations are out for a dance at Twenty-second and Illinois streets, Monday evening the 28th.

The East End Sewing Circle will keep open house from 2 to 11 p. m. New Years day at Bethel A. M. E. church. All are invited to call.

Mme Essie Fry-Hurt will be the star of the evening at the Holiday Dulcet.

Fred Patridge passed through the city last Tuesday enroute to his home in Terre Haute from West Superior, Wis. He will return to the city in a few days.

Wait for the Holiday Dulcet at the Second Baptist Church on the 30th.

The ladies of the Alpha Home are arranging to have Prof. Booker T. Washington deliver an address for the benefit of the home in the near future.

Mme. Essie Fry-Hurt, the Queen of song at the Holiday Dulcet.

Miss Drusetta Dixon has returned from Mattoon, Ill. At a concert given in that city, Miss Dixon rendered several vocal selections and was heartily encored.

The very best literary talent of the city will participate in the Holiday Dulcet at the "Old Second."

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Don't fail to hear Mrs. Lillian Thomas-Fox, the scientific elecutionist at the Holiday Dulcet.

Mrs. Martha A. Hall, of 287 Bright street, has succeeded in getting her portion of land which her father, Edmund Dickerson, left her in Mt. Washington, Ky., at his death. She sold the same to Dr. Collins, and received a neat little sum in cash.

The Nightengale of song, Mrs. Ella Crosby at the Second Baptist Church on the 30th.

No charge for embalming unless the body is preserved. Why have your friends unfit to be seen on the day of the funeral?—Flanner & Buchanan.

You should hear the up-to-date contralto Mrs. Kathryn Crossen-Harper, at the Second Baptist church on the 30th.

The board of managers of the Alpha Home Association wish to extend their heart felt thanks, for the many donations received on Thanksgiving day for provisions and money, and also to the different churches for their liberal help during the year. At the end of the year a stated amount will appear in the weekly paper what we have received from each church. Hulda Webb president, Amanda Wells, secretary.

The low register basso profundo Mr. W. D Collins at the Holiday Dulcet at the Second Baptist church on the 30th. The Hoosier Mocking Bird Mme M. L. Terry at the Holiday Dulcet.

CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

Mrs. Shepherd, a noted lecturer, preached at the church Sunday night.

The "Ten Virgins" are leaving no stone unturned in order to secure their quota of the money set for each club to raise. The social given at Mrs. Sallie Shelton by Mrs. Thos. Durham's club, at Mrs. Perry's by Mrs. L. E. Colman's and at the church by Mrs. V. Lewis' club were successful.

"The Prophet Nazareth," a scriptural cantata, will be given at the church Tuesday evening, the 29th, by the choir, asisted by other city talent. A special feature will be the solos, duets and quartets, and a chorus of 75 voices. This will be a musical treat—admission 15c. Geo. Prince manager.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Benj. Grider has been appointed chairman of the ushers of the church.

Rev. Harvey Young, Joseph Bowers, Mrs Delia Wilson, and Mrs. Susan Simms are on the sick list.

The social given last Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. A. L. Murray was a grand success.

Rev. Thomas Jones and Samuel Brewer joined the church last Sunday.

The Magnolia Concert Co., sang two selections last Sunday evening. The boss sole was very fine.

Rev. B. V. Wilson of Taylor University, Upland, Ind., is in the city visiting for a few days.

The stewardesses will have charge of the service next Sunday evening. A fine program will be rendered.

Quite a number of strangers attended services last Sunday evening.

Rev. Murray preached two excellent sermons last Sunday.

An Auxiliary to the Missionary Department was organized last Friday. Officers: Mrs. Emma Doke, chairman; Miss Susie Wilson, secretary; Mrs. A. L. Murray, treasurer.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING.

"When some people have nothing to say, they seem to talk the most."

Funny world this. There are several little puffed up adders chasing up and down the popular avenue, writhing and squirming in misery.

What a stir! what a confusion! What vengeance they have sworn on mine head! While the tonsorial artist with his soft, baby-like fingers was putting on the finishing touches, we overheard two young men plot to "cut" us down when they found who that Swamp Angel was. Will give you a friendly tip, boys, better keep quiet; we might reveal untold things.

It is said that every married man west of College avenue, who had been married fifteen years, asked himself, after reading in last week's issue that such a person was calling too frequently on a shy and pretty maiden, "Is it I?"

Run across Chappie yesterday, and as we had not met for over a year, and it being Christmas day, we naturally concluded to "take something," so we dropped in at "Two Johns" and ordered a couple of "Cock-tails." "See you are still after us, Swamp," he said in course of conversation. "Oh, yes—the people, most of them, rather enjoy it—little sensational, and takes quite well." "Yes," added Chappie, "Nothing that has ever been published in The Freeman is read with more avidity. The people look for it first. I admire the graceful, pointed manner in which you took up "Blue-veinism," "Parading up to the collection table," "Church theatrical performers," etc., and heartily endorse your methods. You have done a deal of good, and aside from a few sore-heads and chronic kickers, you are a thrice welcome visitor in our midst. Long may you live, and hew to the line in the future, as you have done in the past." We shook hands and parted.

Pleasantly Entertained.

The pupils of Mrs. Irene Posey at No. 18, gave a pretty cantata, "Santa Claus on Time," Thursday morning. Quite a number of visitors were present, together with Prof. Goss, superintendent of schools, assistant superintendent, Miss Cropsey, and supervisor of instructions, Miss Colgan. Santa Claus remembered each child. The songs and speeches by the children were well rendered, and Mrs. Posey may justly feel proud of her pupils.

"Black Patti Troubadours."

"Black Patti" Troubadours opened at the Empire Theatre Monday afternoon to a crowded house, which has been continued throughout the week. The performances were greeted with enthusiastic applause from start to finish. In the company are found some of the greatest singers, dancers, comedians and specialty performers of our race, and the stage performance is a masterful blending of comedy, burlesque, vaudeville, spectacle and opera. Mme. Sissieretta Jones, "Black Patti," who is the stellar feature of the company, is recognized the world over as one of the greatest singers of the day.

From the time the curtain raised on the musical skit, "At Jolly Coon-ny Island," until it fell on the last number on the operatic review, the great audiences were entertained by one of the most delightful entertainments of the season. The travesty, "At Coon-ey Island," serves to introduce the comedy forces of the company, which Bob Cole, Henry Wise, Stella Wiley and Billy Johnson play a very prominent part, introducing singing, buck dancing and many ludicrous situations, which evoked hilarous applause. Following the opening piece came the olio which is opened by the DeWolfe Sisters, Sadie and Rosa, the sweet-voiced duetists who were well recieved, followed by Bob Cole and Stella Wiley in a very funny sketch, introducing their best efforts as Terpsichorean artists.

Billy Johnson, the creator of songs next appeared in his latest descriptive songs, specially illustrated with scenery, which is an innovation in this line, and was greeted with continued applause. Lloyd Gibbs, the highly gifted tenor singer, was heard to good advantage, he possesses a fine voice. Goggins & Davis were next on the bill, they are the funniest team of acrobats al ve and recieved their share of applause which they deserved, the grand climax of the performance is reached when, "Black Patti" and the entire company appear in what is called a "Kaleidoscope of the Opera." In this operatic arrangement the company demonstrates remarkable vocal accomplishment, for the assurance is confidently offered that such solo, quartet and choral ensemble singing has rarely been equaled by the most pretentious grand and comic opera company. For 40 miuutes the audience is treated with melodious inspirations taken from the leading operas 'Black Patti" and Lloyd Gibbs and the splendid chorus render the vocal selections with a style and musical effect which invariably exicte the greatest enthusiasm.

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A Business Enterprise.

Columbus, O., Special.

One of our young ladies made her debut as an elocutionist here at the St. Paul C. M. C., before a large audience. Her delivery was fine and her future prospects are bright. Mrs. Woodson of Walnut street spent Christmas with her sister at Wilksville, O. Mrs. Scott of Washington Avenue, is on the sick list Mrs. Nickens of Cherry street is ill at this writing. C. Hughes of Barber street has purchased property on Twenty-Second street. Mrs. Smalls of Mt. Veron avenue spent the holidays with her husband in Cleveland. Mose Jamison and family of Roanoke, Va., have moved to Columbus to make his future home. Dean House arrivals, H. Miller, Joe Miller, of Athens, O. There was a meeting last night to devise a plan to establish a business enterprise. The question of the price of stock was discussed and the elements of success favor the plan of shares at $10 each. It was estimated that the stockholders at the lowest estimate would derive from $600 to $900 per month. The Daughters Jerusalem will give a social at the residence of Mrs. Grant Tuesday evening. T. Jackson of Elm street is on duty again. Mr. Scott of Third street is still ill. Dean House, M. H. Evertt B. Baker, S Williams, T. W. Jones, S. Y. Washington, Marion, O. For fifteen cents you can get a nice clean shave and the best colored paper published at S. Y. Washingtons, 85 East Long street. Mr. Scott of Twenty-Second street is on the sick list. Mrs. Alexander of Lafayette street will spend the holidays with her daughter at Indianapolis. Mrs. Hans Garnes has gone to spend the Christmas with her parents at Oberlin, O. The East End Dramatic Club will give a temperance drama "The loaf of the Odd Fellows Hall," Long and Garfield streets December 25th.

A Taffy Pulling.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Little Ida Parker fell from a second story widow at her home but was not seriously hurt. Jenette Jones, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones, who has been sick with typhoid fever is convalescent. Mrs. Jane Garrison has accepted a position at Mr. Hall's restaurant. Mariah Chatman is no better. G. A. Drake of Ft. Wayne, has accepted a position at Frank Bemers Restaurant as head cook. The pan cake supper at the literary last Tuesday night was a success. It is said that the wedding bells will ring on Pratt street.

Tendered a Reception.

Hamilton, O., Special.

The Y. M. S. Club met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Nixon, Tuesday evening, a pleasant time was had by all, after which a light supper was served. A very interesting program was rendered Sunday at the A. M. E. church. Mr. W. Taylor and Miss Betts of Xenia, O., were married last Sunday. Mr. J. Smith spent Saturday with his brother. Mr. H. Davison has returned home. D. of J. tendered the Rev. Mrs. Coleman a reception at their hall Thursday evening. Mrs. N. Thomas is quite ill. Mrs. M. J. Alexanderia buried her mother at Dayton, O., last week.

The Y. M. S. club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conway the 16th. Mrs Dickerson and Miss C Smith left Wednesday for Steubenville, O. The Excelsior Literary Gilds rendered a very interesting program Friday evening. Sunday will be review day at the Sabbath school. The young people gave an entertainment Christmas eve, and the Willing Workers' Christmas. Mrs. T. Smith who recently was removed to the hospital is improving rapidly.

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